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## **NEVADA WOMAN SENTENCED OVER 2 YEARS FOR FILING FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS IN THE NAMES OF OTHERS**

**LAS VEGAS** – A Las Vegas woman was sentenced today to 27 months in prison, 3 years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution of \$21,254.10 to the IRS, for her guilty plea of filing fraudulent personal tax returns and false tax returns in the names of others, announced John Collins Special Agent in Charge of IRS-Criminal Investigation Las Vegas Field Office.

*“The IRS is aggressively pursuing those who steal others’ identities in order to file false returns,” said Special Agent in Charge John Collins. “The IRS is taking additional steps this tax season to further prevent, detect and resolve identity theft cases as soon as possible.”*

Denise J. Vick, 39, of Las Vegas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Andrew P. Gordon. Vick pleaded guilty on Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014, to four counts of presenting false claims to the United States.

According to the plea agreement, Vick created and caused to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) false and fraudulent individual tax returns for herself for the Tax Years 2009 and 2010 which caused the IRS to issue refunds totaling for the two years \$14,679. Vick admitted she was not entitled to claim the refunds as filed. Vick also admitted to creating and causing to be filed with the IRS false and fraudulent individual income tax returns using the identities of others she did not have permission to prepare or file tax returns on behalf of and directing the refunds to herself for her own personal use.

In total Vick received \$307,231.31 as a result of false and fraudulent tax returns she knowingly submitted to the U.S. Department of Treasury, through the IRS, for the Tax Years 2009 and 2010. Vick caused the fraudulent tax refunds issued to the Identity theft victims and herself to be routed to a debit card in her custody and control.

The case was investigated by the IRS Criminal Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathryn C. Newman.

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