

On September 10, 2013 Dione Howard, 33, of Cincinnati was sentenced to twelve months and one day in prison, three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$30,129 in restitution to the IRS for conspiring to submit false claims for federal income tax refunds with the IRS and for the unlawful use of a means of identification.

On September 16, 2013 Bridgette Jones, 34, of Cincinnati was sentenced to 61 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$477,490 in restitution to the IRS for conspiring to submit false claims for federal income tax refunds with the IRS and for committing aggravated identity theft.

On October 16, 2013, Latasha Hampton, 34, of Cincinnati was sentenced to ten months in prison, three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$84,090 in restitution to the IRS for conspiring to submit false claims for federal income tax refunds with the IRS and for forging endorsements on U.S. Treasury checks.

Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office stated, "The object of this refund fraud scheme was to swindle the government and the taxpaying public. In this case IRS Criminal Investigation identified, investigated and together, with our partners at the U.S. Attorney's Office, vigorously prosecuted those who were involved in filing false claims for refunds."

These cases are being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jessica W. Knight and were investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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