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DAYTON WOMAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO FILE FALSE CLAIMS FOR INCOME TAX REFUNDS

Co-conspirator previously sentenced

DAYTON, OHIO – Jasmine Wright, a/k/a “Lala,” 30, of Dayton, Ohio, was sentenced to five years’ probation, of which six months must be spent in home detention. In addition, Wright was ordered to pay \$42,226 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), jointly and severally with Kuron Evans, for conspiring to defraud the IRS by filing false claims for federal income tax refunds. Wright previously pleaded guilty to this charge on July 8, 2103.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office announced the sentence handed down today by U.S. District Judge Thomas M. Rose

According to court documents, between January 2009 and July 2009 Wright entered into a criminal conspiracy with Kuron Lamar Evans and others to obtain the payment of false claims for federal income tax refunds from the IRS. Wright and her co-conspirators solicited third parties and provided them with personal identification information, including names, addresses and social security numbers. Wright and her co-conspirators used this information to prepare fraudulent Forms W-2, Wage and Tax Statements. They then assisted the third parties with having their individual 2008 federal income tax returns prepared by various Dayton, Ohio area tax preparation services and filed with the IRS using the fraudulent Forms W-2. Wright and her co-conspirators received a “cut” of the false federal income tax refunds.

Kuron Lamar Evans, a/k/a “Huron,” 34, of Dayton, Ohio was sentenced on August 14, 2013 to 30 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$42,226 in restitution to the IRS on three counts of filing false claims for federal income tax refunds with the IRS and one count of conspiracy to defraud the IRS by filing false claims for income tax refunds.

"No one is entitled to an undeserved windfall, and refunds should only be issued to taxpayers who are entitled to them," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Acting Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. "Law abiding citizens expect the government to hold accountable those who use deceit and fraud to line their pockets with money, especially when that money represents stolen federal taxes."

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dwight K. Keller and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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