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LOCAL MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FALSE INCOME TAX REFUND SCAM

CINCINNATI, OHIO – Walter T. Boyd, 37, of Cincinnati, Ohio pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court today to one count of willfully filing false claims for federal income tax refunds with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Boyd faces a maximum of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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 plea entered into today before U.S. District Judge Susan J. Dlott.

According to court documents, between February 2010 and April 2012, Boyd was an income tax preparer that prepared and electronically filed income tax returns with the IRS for the 2010 and 2011 income tax years in the names of clients of his employer, ABT Services, Inc. These income tax returns claimed false income tax refunds and Boyd knew the clients were not entitled to receive them.

Boyd was one of several individuals who worked for ABT Services, Inc., which was owned by an individual who obtained the majority of the fees charged from the fraudulent income tax refunds that were filed on behalf of the clients of ABT Services, Inc. The owner of ABT Services, Inc. was aware of or otherwise permitted the filing of the fraudulent income tax returns on behalf of the clients by Boyd for the 2010 and 2011 income tax years. Boyd obtained less than \$5,000 in earnings from his participation in this fraudulent income tax fraud scheme.

As a result of this scheme, Boyd prepared approximately 300 income tax returns for the 2010 and 2011 income tax years that directly contributed to the submission of false claims for income tax refunds totaling between approximately \$400,000 and \$1,000,000.

“Refunds are issued to taxpayers who are entitled to them,” said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. “IRS Criminal Investigation will continue to aggressively pursue those who prepare false claims for refunds for the purpose of enriching themselves and depleting the U.S. Treasury.”

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anne L. Porter and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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