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LOCAL PAIR INDICTED IN INCOME TAX REFUND SCAM

COLUMBUS, OHIO -- A federal grand jury here has indicted Daymond Reese, 45, of Columbus, Ohio, and Delayne Reese, 41, of Columbus, Ohio charging them with 17 counts each of filing false claims for income tax refunds with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Guy A. Ficco, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office announced the indictment that was returned today.

According to the indictment, between February 2011 and April 2012, Daymond and Delayne Reese allegedly filed false claims for income tax refunds by preparing and filing false income tax returns on behalf of other individuals for 2010 and 2011 that contained false Forms W-2 which reported fictitious income and false income tax withholding.

The indictment alleges that Daymond and Delayne Reese filed over \$75,000 in false refund claims with the IRS.

Filing false claims with for tax refunds with the IRS carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

"At the IRS, protecting taxpayer money is a matter we take extremely seriously. An integral part of the agency's mission involves detecting and catching fraudulent tax refund claims," stated Guy A. Ficco, Acting Special Agent in Charges, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. "The object of these schemes is to defraud the government and the taxpaying public."

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel A. Brown and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

An indictment merely contains allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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