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### **FORMER INCOME TAX PREPARER SENTENCED IN FALSE INCOME TAX REFUND SCAM**

CINCINNATI, OHIO – Walter T. Boyd, 37, of Cincinnati, Ohio was sentenced to 18 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$110,467 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for willfully filing false claims for federal income tax refunds with the IRS. Boyd previously pleaded guilty to this charge on October 30, 2015.

Benjamin C. Glassman, Acting 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 yesterday by 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.

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.

“Walter Boyd perpetrated a scheme that systematically defrauded the government and the taxpaying public,” said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. “IRS Criminal Investigation will continue to vigorously pursue those who unjustly enrich themselves by preparing false claims for refunds.”

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Timothy S. Mangan and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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