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## **Inland Empire Return Preparer Sentenced to Twelve Months and One Day in Prison for Tax Fraud**

*LOS ANGELES* – The operator of a San Bernardino tax preparation service has been sentenced to twelve months and one day in federal prison for failing to report income totaling almost half a million dollars on his personal federal income tax returns.

Gerald Jerome Parker, 63, of Rancho Cucamonga—operator of GJP Tax Associates located in San Bernardino—was sentenced this afternoon by United States District Judge Gary A. Feess. In addition to the prison term, Judge Feess ordered Parker to pay \$135,055 in restitution to the IRS.

Parker pleaded guilty in May to one count of subscribing to a false income tax return.

According to the plea agreement, Parker failed to report income from his tax preparation business totaling \$491,978 on his 2006, 2007, and 2008 personal income tax returns.

The count to which Parker pleaded guilty relates to his 2006 tax return. Parker falsely stated that his business income was \$9,333, when in fact he had income of \$51,847. For the 2007 and 2008 tax years, Parker did not file a tax return, failing to report business income of \$218,230 and \$231,234, respectively

Parker further admitted that for the 2005, 2006 and 2007 tax years, he prepared 23 tax returns for clients which falsely inflated deductions for charitable gifts, business expenses, or “other” expenses generating falsely inflated tax refunds.

Parker has agreed to the entry of a binding civil injunction, barring him for life from aiding in the preparation of federal income tax returns for anyone other than himself and his legal spouse, and barring him from representing other individuals before the Internal Revenue Service.

The investigation and prosecution of Parker was conducted by IRS-Criminal Investigation's Los Angeles Field Office, in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

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