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Four men charged with theft of tax refunds

Las Vegas, NV – Gheorge Vartic is being charged with four counts for theft of government funds totaling approximately \$63,735. Andre Popescu is being charged with one count for theft of government funds totaling approximately \$16,497. Pavel Terentiev is charged with three counts for theft of government funds totaling approximately \$47,890. Vladislav Gorogovschii is charged with six counts for theft of government funds totaling approximately \$96,124.

According to the indictments, Vartic, Popescu, Terentiev, and Gorogovschii are each being charged with willfully and knowingly stealing, embezzling, and converting to his own use, money and property of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, a department and agency of the United States. More specifically, the men fraudulently obtained tax refunds under the names of several victims knowing they were not entitled to the funds.

IRS Criminal Investigation Acting Special Agent in Charge Aimee Schabilion said, “Individuals who commit refund fraud and identity theft of this magnitude and with this degree of trickery, dishonesty and deceit, deserve to be punished to the fullest extent of the law. IRS Criminal Investigation, along with the United States Attorney’s Office, remain vigilant in identifying, investigating and prosecuting those individuals who seek to willfully defraud the United States Treasury and blatantly disregard the victims of their schemes.

The case is being investigated by special agents with IRS Criminal Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kate Newman of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Las Vegas, Nevada. For additional information about IRS Criminal Investigation, please visit irs.gov.

The charges and allegations contained in the indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is considered innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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