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TAX PREPARER ADMITS PREPARING FRAUDULENT TAX RETURNS FOR CLIENTS

Trenton, N.J. –The owner of Del Tax Services pleaded guilty today to willfully preparing false tax returns for clients.

Patrick Delfosse entered his plea in federal court before U. S. District Judge Mary Cooper. Delfosse pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns. Sentencing is scheduled for January 7, 2015.

“Refunds should only be issued to taxpayers who are entitled to them,” stated Jonathan D. Larsen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “At the IRS, protecting taxpayer money is a matter we take extremely seriously.”

According to court documents and statements made in court:

Delfosse was the operator of Del Tax Services, a tax preparation business that provided services mainly to individual taxpayers. Delfosse prepared a 2006 tax return for clients identified as DB and MB. Delfosse prepared a Schedule E, Supplemental Income and Loss, claiming approximately \$23,938 in rental real estate losses on DB and MB’s 2006 tax return. Delfosse admitted that the rental real estate losses he listed on this tax return were false.

For sentencing purposes, Delfosse’s relevant conduct will be taken into account relating to his preparation of fraudulent tax returns for other clients as well. In total, Delfosse’s criminal conduct resulted in tax loss to the government of between \$80,000 and \$200,000.

The charge of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false tax return carries a statutory maximum prison sentence of three years and a statutory maximum fine equal to the greatest of: (1) \$250,000; (2) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary gain derived from the offense; or (3) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary loss sustained by any victims of the offense.

The investigation was conducted by IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Jonathan D. Larsen and the U.S. Attorney's Office, under the direction of U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel V. Shapiro.

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