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CAMDEN TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

Camden, N.J. –The owner of Yanitza’s Multiservices, a business that provided notary and tax preparation services located in Camden, N.J., pleaded guilty today to filing false personal tax returns.

Yanitza Sanchez, 35, a resident of Camden, N.J., entered her plea in Camden federal court before U. S. District Judge Noel L. Hillman. Sentencing is scheduled for September 4, 2015.

“Tax return preparers have a duty to their clients to prepare tax returns that comply with the law and are complete and accurate,” stated Jonathan D. Larsen, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “This same duty applies to preparers when they prepare their personal returns. Today’s guilty plea by Ms. Sanchez should serve as a reminder that IRS-Criminal Investigation takes these violations of law very seriously.”

According to court documents and statements made in court:

For the tax years 2008 through 2011, Sanchez prepared tax returns for clients for a fee. Sanchez prepared fraudulent tax returns for clients by intentionally including fraudulent items and tax credits, such as false and fraudulent dependents, child tax credits, Earned Income Tax Credits (“EITC”) claims, and education credits, in order to obtain refunds for those clients in amounts greater than those to which they were entitled and charged clients on average between \$500 and \$700 for the use of fraudulent dependents and other fraudulent items and credits.

For the tax years 2008 through 2011, Sanchez admitted that she failed to report approximately \$198,653 of income that she earned through Yanitza's Multiservices. In addition, Sanchez admitted that she included deductions and credits on her personal tax returns that she was not entitled to claim in order to obtain a larger refund for herself. The unreported income and false deductions and credits resulted in an approximate tax loss to the government of \$83,367.

The charge of filing 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 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 Jason M. Richardson.

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