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## **EAST BRUNSWICK BUSINESS OWNER PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS**

**Trenton, N.J.** –The owner of Miroslawa Inc., d/b/a European Provsions, a business located in East Brunswick, New Jersey, pleaded guilty today to filing false tax returns.

Miroslawa Barna, 53, entered her plea before U.S. District Judge Michael A. Shipp. Barna pleaded guilty to a one-count information that charges her with filing false tax returns for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. Sentencing is scheduled for January 26, 2016.

“Tax crimes have been erroneously referred to as victimless crimes,” stated Jonathan D. Larsen, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “Every time somebody like Ms. Barna cheats on their taxes, it is the honest, hardworking American taxpayer that has to foot the bill.”

According to court documents and statements made in court:

Barna was the sole owner and operator of European Provisions, a business that provided ethnic food provisions in and around East Brunswick, New Jersey. For the tax years 2009, 2010 and 2011, Barna deposited a substantial portion of the gross receipts earned by European Provisions into personal bank accounts that she maintained with at least four different banks. Barna admitted that she failed to report as income the gross receipts she deposited into her personal bank accounts for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. The total amount of gross receipts that she failed to report during these years totaled approximately \$691,836, upon which there was an additional tax due and owing of approximately \$249,681.

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 J. Brendan Day.

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