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NEWARK WOMAN ADMITS FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS AND OWING APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 IN TAXES

Newark, N.J. – A Newark, New Jersey resident pleaded guilty today to filing a fraudulent tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Maritza Torres-Falu, 57, entered her plea in Newark federal court before U. S. District Judge William J. Martini. Torres-Falu pleaded guilty to one count of subscribing to a false tax return. Sentencing is scheduled for January 26, 2017.

“To build faith in our nation’s tax system, honest taxpayers need to be reassured that everyone is paying their fair share,” stated Jonathan D. Larsen, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “Ms. Torres-Falu’s plea today demonstrates to the honest taxpayer that IRS Criminal Investigation will continue to aggressively pursue those who file false tax returns for the purpose of enriching themselves and to make sure they are held accountable for their actions”

According to court documents and statements made in court:

Maritza Torres-Falu owned and operated two businesses through which she received substantial income: Impacto 2000 and Latin Eagles Group LLC. Because those entities were operated as sole proprietorships, the business income earned and expenses incurred by those companies had to be reported on Schedule C of her personal federal income tax return, IRS Form 1040.

Torres-Falu admitted that for the 2010 tax year, she failed to report approximately \$116,774 in income she earned through Impacto 2000 and Latin Eagles Group LLC. In

addition, on the same tax return, Torres-Falu falsely claimed that she qualified as “head-of-household” for her filing status.

In addition, Torres-Falu failed to properly report all the income she earned for the tax years 2009, 2011 and 2012. For sentencing purposes, Torres-Falu’s relevant conduct will be taken into account by the court relating to her failure to report all of the income she received during the years 2009 through 2012. Torres-Falu agreed that her actions resulted in a total tax loss to the government of approximately \$99,150.

The count of subscribing to 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 Jose R. Almonte.

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