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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Abraham Nicola Nunu

Dearborn Heights CPA Goes to Jail for Filing False Tax Returns

Abraham Nicola Nunu, 42, of Dearborn Heights, a Certified Public Accountant, was sentenced to a year and a day imprisonment, followed by one year of supervised release, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced. United States District Court Judge David M. Lawson also ordered Nunu to pay a fine of \$3,000 and restitution to the Internal Revenue Service. The amount of the restitution will be based on the tax loss, plus interest and penalties, which will be determined at a later date.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Maurice M. Aouate, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation.

According to court records, Nunu filed false 2000 and 2001 personal income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service, signed under penalties of perjury. The tax returns, as filed, reflected taxable income of approximately \$99,000, when Nunu knew the true taxable income for those tax years were approximately \$337,000. On October 31, 2007, Nunu pleaded guilty to the two counts of filing a false tax return.

“This is an example of a defendant who put his professional license – and his liberty – at risk for several thousand dollars. Although he was an accountant, the defendant did a poor job of figuring the costs that go along with intentionally filing false tax returns,” U.S. Attorney Murphy said.

"Nunu should have known better than to use his special skills as a CPA to intentionally conceal his own income," said Aouate. "Especially, since, he is in the profession and business of helping others to file accurate tax returns."

United States Attorney Murphy thanked the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation for their investigation of the case. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Keith E. Corbett.