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## Southern District of Florida

### Press Release

#### DAVIE WOMAN PLEADS TO TAX FRAUD CHARGES

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##### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Michael E. Yasofsky, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, and Melissa T. Chedotal, Special Agent in Charge, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, announced that **Morgan Taylor Mayfaire**, 49, of Davie, FL, pled guilty today to one count of aiding and abetting the filing of a false tax return, in violation of Title 26, Section 7206(2). Mayfaire faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 3 years and a \$100,000 fine. Sentencing is scheduled for October 24, 2008.

Mayfaire, who in 2005 changed her name from "Mary Elizabeth Valido" to Morgan Taylor Mayfaire, prepared tax returns at her residence in Davie, FL, for several taxpayer clients. The clients paid Mayfaire a tax return preparation fee of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the refund claimed on their federal tax return. Mayfaire prepared tax returns and amended tax returns on Forms 1040 and 1040X in which she reported false medical expenses, taxes, charitable contributions, and employee business expenses. Mayfaire caused more than \$300,000.00 in IRS refunds to be distributed to her clients based on false deductions she included on the clients' tax returns.

In addition, Mayfaire represented to her taxpayer clients that she was an employee of the IRS and that, as an IRS employee, she had ways of increasing taxpayer deductions on tax returns that no other person would know, thereby inducing the taxpayers to hire her to prepare their tax returns.

Mr. Acosta commended the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service. This case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Keene of the Fort Lauderdale Office.

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