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LOCAL WOMAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL TAX FRAUD CHARGES

Amount of loss to the government was \$30,488

Monroe, Louisiana . . . BETTYE TRAMBLE, age 58, of Marion, Louisiana, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Robert G. James to spend **21 months in prison** for tax fraud, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced. TRAMBLE was also ordered to **pay restitution in the amount of \$30,488** to the Internal Revenue Service. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

TRAMBLE was indicted in October 2006 and charged with 31 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false income tax returns. TRAMBLE pleaded guilty in May 2007 to one count of the indictment. Evidence at the guilty plea hearing revealed that while working as a tax return preparer for Ellis Tax Service, TRAMBLE prepared false Schedule C forms for the tax year 2002 for individual tax payers, which resulted in a refund to the taxpayers, when in fact, they were not entitled to receive a refund.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation in Shreveport, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison D. Bushnell.

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