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**EVENT: Indictment**

**Defendant: Patricia Anderson**

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**Detroit Return Preparer Arraigned on Charges of Preparing False Returns**

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Patricia Anderson of Detroit, was arraigned on a twenty count indictment charging her with aiding and assisting in the preparation of false and fraudulent tax returns, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

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

Anderson appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Steven D. Pepe and was placed on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

According to court records, during 2003 and into 2005, Anderson prepared twenty tax returns for numerous clients in which she created false dependents, small business losses, IRA deductions, tuition fees, and false Schedule "A" deductions. The amount of loss to the Internal Revenue Service, associated with these returns, totaled over \$76,000.

United States Attorney Murphy stated that "We take tax enforcement extremely

seriously in this district. Abusive tax return preparers, such as this defendant, will always be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent by my office. This prosecution demonstrates my office's continuing efforts to enforce tax laws that were set up for the good of all and to deter those who would subvert them."

"No one is entitled to an undeserved windfall and refunds should only be issued to taxpayers who are entitled to them," said Aouate. "Willfully preparing and filing a false tax return is the same as stealing. At the IRS, protecting taxpayer money is a matter we take extremely seriously."

Preparing false and fraudulent tax returns carries a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment and a \$100,000 per count.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

United States Attorney Murphy thanked IRS Criminal Investigation for their investigation of the case. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Noceebea S. Gordon.