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Tax Preparer Charged in 22-Count Indictment for Preparing False Tax Returns

GREENBELT, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today a federal grand jury returned a Superseding Indictment against Harold Gilbert, age 48, of Harold Gilbert, P.C., located in Oxon Hill, Maryland for crimes committed in connection with the preparation of false tax returns.

The 22-count Superseding Indictment charges Gilbert with procuring and advising the preparation of dozens of false tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service from March, 1991 to April, 2003. In particular, the Superseding Indictment alleges that Gilbert prepared false tax returns with inflated Schedule A deductions for medical and dental expenses, charitable contributions and unreimbursed job expenses. Gilbert has been arrested and is presently in custody.

The maximum penalty for each count is three years imprisonment and a \$100,000 fine.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this Superseding Indictment are the result of a joint investigation by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kwame J. Manley.