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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on January 8, 2004, **MILO M. SULLO**, age 40, of St. Clair County, Illinois, pled guilty to the federal offenses of **MAKING A FALSE CLAIM FOR REFUND TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ON A 1999 INCOME TAX RETURN**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 287, **FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2000**, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1), **FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2001**, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1), **AND MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, DURING AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. The offenses carry a total maximum statutory penalty of up to sixteen years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to three years' supervised release. Sentencing is set for April 5, 2004.

The Indictment alleges, and **MILO M. SULLO** admitted as part of the plea, that **MILO M. SULLO**, prepared false W-2 forms which were used in preparing false 1999, 2000 and 2001 federal income tax returns. **MILO M. SULLO** thereby caused false E-file returns to be prepared and submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. **MILO M. SULLO** further admitted that when questioned about his conduct by the Internal Revenue Service during the investigation, he made a materially false statement. Under federal law it is an additional offense to lie to a federal law enforcement officer, and it is subject to additional punishment.

The successful prosecution follows an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Norman R. Smith.