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**TAX PREPARER FOUND GUILTY OF TAX FRAUD AND WORKER'S
COMPENSATION FRAUD**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that a jury convicted John A. Williams, 56, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, of four counts of worker's compensation fraud and four counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns.

The evidence at trial established that the defendant began receiving worker's compensation in the early 1990s after he was found to be disabled in connection with his job at the U.S. Postal Service. In order to receive disability benefits from the Dept. of Labor's Office of Worker's Compensation Programs (OWCP), the defendant was required to notify OWCP of any change in work status every year. From about 1998 until 2002, the defendant falsely certified to OWCP that he was not working, when, in fact, he was running a tax preparation business called J.W. Enterprises and another business called Williams Accounting Services. During the investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, it was discovered that the defendant was preparing false tax returns, that is, he was creating fictitious deductions, expenses, and other information on multiple individual income tax

returns for several years.

Williams is scheduled for sentencing before the Honorable Peter J. Messitte on July 2, 2004. He faces a maximum penalty of 3 years on each tax count, a \$100,000 fine per count, and 3 years supervised release. With respect to the worker's compensation fraud, the defendant faces a maximum penalty of 5 years per count, a \$250,000 fine per count, and 3 years supervised release.

The case is a result of a two-year investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigative Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gina L. Simms.