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Former Fugitive Pleads Guilty in Tax Case

Memphis, TN -Terrell L. Harris, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, and Clayton L. Cooper, Special Agent in Charge of Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, announced today that Einna S. Foules pled guilty on Friday, October 19 before Judge Julia S. Gibbons. Foules was originally indicted on April 18, 2000 by a federal grand jury and charged with 19 counts of filing false claims with the government. She was a fugitive until August 23, 2001, when she was arrested in Mississippi.

Foules pled guilty to an Indictment charging her with 5 counts of filing false claims against the government. She faces up to five years in prison and a criminal fine of up to \$250,000 on each count. Sentencing is set for January 17, 2002.

According to the indictment, Foules caused 19 fraudulent tax returns to be prepared and filed -- one in her name and 18 in the names of eight other individuals -- for tax years 1994 through 1997. These returns were filed during 1997 and 1998 and claimed refunds ranging

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from approximately \$694 to approximately \$4,249. The indictment claims that the fraudulent refunds claimed totaled over \$55,000.

The specific counts in the information pertain to the tax returns filed in the name of Einna Foules, Elmer A. Dancy, Lakeita Moore, LaShana Mitchell, and Tiffany Carson. The refunds claimed on these returns range from \$4,080.55 to \$4,249.00.

Assistant United States Attorney Vivian Donelson is handling the case for the government.

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