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**TAX PREPARER WHO PREPARED PHONY EARNINGS
STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS SENTENCED
FOR MORTGAGE FRAUD CONSPIRACY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that KEVIN KILLEBREW, 50, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty pleas to conspiracy to commit mail fraud and assisting in the preparation of a false tax return. This case was the result of a several year investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service.

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KILLEBREW was charged along with several others in a mortgage fraud conspiracy that involved Platinum Mortgage, a mortgage brokerage company that operated in Indianapolis, Indiana between 1999 and 2001. KILLEBREW's role in the conspiracy was to prepare false W-2 earnings statements, invoices, and bank account records which were submitted with fraudulent mortgage loan applications by other members of the conspiracy. Mortgage lending companies relied on the false documents in deciding whether to lend money for properties. In addition, Mr. KILLEBREW prepared a false tax return for Tim Fagan, another member of the conspiracy, on which he failed to report the illegal profits earned by Mr. Fagan in the mortgage fraud scheme. Mr. Fagan is currently serving a 50-month sentence for his role in the scheme.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following KILLEBREW's release from imprisonment and fined KILLEBREW \$2000.

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