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**MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FALSE
INCOME TAX RETURNS**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Andrew Caudill, age 27, of Aberdeen, Maryland pleaded guilty today to filing three false federal individual tax returns totaling \$48,492.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court, Caudill filed a return in his own name for the 2000 tax year claiming a refund of \$12,591 which he actually received. Caudill also filed a return in his own name for the 2001 tax year claiming a return of \$19,574, and a separate return on behalf of his brother claiming a return of \$16,327. The Internal Revenue Service, however, uncovered the scheme before making payment on those two returns.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ari S. Casper.