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Richmond Man Sentenced to 27 Months for Tax Return Fraud

(Richmond, VA) - Daniel Hyatt, age 37, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced on February 23, 2007, to 27 months in prison for tax fraud. Hyatt pled guilty on August 15, 2006, to submitting fraudulent income tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service over several years. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Charles Pine, Special Agent-In-Charge, Internal Revenue Service, announced the sentencing by United States District Judge Robert E. Payne.

According to court documents, Hyatt admitted that on or about February 23, 2002, he submitted a joint federal income tax return to the United States Treasury Department, through the Internal Revenue Service, knowing that the return contained false information. Hyatt attached false W-2 Forms to his tax return, created wage and withholding amounts, and listed false and fictitious amounts for real estate taxes, charitable contributions, dependent care expenses, and medical/dental expenses. He did so to receive a larger tax refund than that to which he was lawfully entitled.

Hyatt also admitted that he submitted additional fraudulent joint federal income tax returns on behalf of himself and his wife on January 23, 2003; January 19, 2004; and January 17, 2005. He further admitted that he submitted fraudulent federal tax returns on behalf of third persons without their knowledge on April 8, 2003, and January 19, 2004. Hyatt later gave the third persons part of the tax refunds received as a result of the false returns.

In total, Hyatt claimed tax refunds totaling \$110,102, of which \$89,448.31 was based on false claims. The Internal Revenue Service disbursed \$52,593.01 in tax refunds to Hyatt before discovering his scheme and stopping payment on his remaining claims.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. Assistant United States Attorney S. David Schiller prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

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