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BIRMINGHAM MAN INDICTED FOR FILING

FALSE INCOME TAX RETURNS

BIRMINGHAM, AL - GREGORY LOUIS CLARKE, 53, of Birmingham, Alabama, has been indicted in U.S. District Court for filing false income tax returns. The three-count indictment includes false income tax filings for tax years 2000, 2001 and 2002.

"Every citizen has a duty to be truthful when filing income tax returns," states U.S. Attorney Alice H. Martin. "The 'under penalties of perjury' clause, above where you sign your name, means that there will be a consequence when you are dishonest."

According to the allegations contained in the indictment, CLARKE owes approximately \$30,000 in taxes collectively for the tax years 2000, 2001 and 2002 when he under reported or falsely reported income.

"This indictment sends a clear message that no one is above the law," states Rebecca A. Sparkman, Internal Revenue Service Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigations, Atlanta Field Division. "Compliance with our tax laws should be shared equally among all Americans."

The penalty for filing false income tax returns is not more than three years in prison and a fine of not more than \$100,000 or both.

This matter was investigated by special agents from the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations. Assistant United States Attorney Vincent Carroll is prosecuting the matter on behalf of the U.S. Government.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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