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## OWNER OF TAXPROS ACCOUNTING SERVICES, INC. INDICTED

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced the return of an indictment of HUSAM ABU-DAYEH, a/k/a Sam, a 36-year-old resident of Pinellas County, charging him in thirty-nine counts with willfully aiding and assisting in the preparation and filing of false and fraudulent tax returns. If convicted, HUSAM ABU-DAYEH faces a maximum penalty of three years' imprisonment on each count, a fine of \$250,000, and one year of supervised release.

HUSAM ABU-DAYEH owned and operated Taxpros Accounting Services, Inc., a Florida corporation, that was engaged in the business of preparing and filing federal income tax returns.

It is alleged that in 2004 and 2005 HUSAM ABU-DAYEH prepared and presented to the Internal Revenue Service U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns, Forms 1040, for his customers which were false and fraudulent as to material matters; specifically, it is alleged that ABU-DAYEH prepared and submitted tax returns on which were claimed deductions the taxpayers were not entitled to and which were false as to material matters.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert T. Monk.