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Event: Sentenced

Defendant: Tiffany Jackson-Gooden

ROYAL OAK WOMAN WAS SENTENCED ON TAX CHARGES

Tiffany Jackson-Gooden, 37, of Royal Oak, Michigan, was sentenced today to 24 months probation and ordered to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$11,266 as a result of her pleading guilty to willfully filing false personal tax returns, United States Attorney Terrence G. Berg announced.

Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Maurice Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

According to the information presented to the court at the time of the plea, Jackson-Gooden prepared and filed a personal tax return on behalf of herself and another individual for the years 2003 and 2004 with the Internal Revenue Service, knowingly claiming false deductions that she was not entitled to claim. Some of these false deductions included fictitious job expenses, child care, and charitable gifts totaling over \$76,000.

United States Attorney Terrence Berg said, "A tax preparer owes a special duty to abide by the law, because their customers depend on their expertise. Allegations of wrongdoing by tax preparers are taken very seriously by this office."

"Every tax return preparer has a high level of responsibility, not only to their clients but to the government as well," said Aouate. "No one is entitled to an undeserved windfall and refunds should only be issued to taxpayers who are entitled to them."

The case was investigated by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin C. Letts.