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**Grand Prairie Tax Preparer Charged
in 16-Count Federal Indictment**

United States Attorney Richard B. Roper announced that Lacedric Deshawn Williams, who operated Lincoln Principal Financial Services, a tax preparation service located at 801 W. Freeway Road, Grand Prairie, Texas, has been charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Dallas, with 16 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent tax returns. Williams, who surrendered to federal authorities and appeared before the Honorable Paul D. Stickney, United States Magistrate Judge on Friday, is free on bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned by the Honorable Sidney A. Fitzwater, United States District Judge, on December 3, 2004.

According to the indictment, Williams prepared and presented to the Internal Revenue Service, 16 U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns in which he knowingly grossly overstated totals of \$187,850 in medical and dental expenses and \$157,024 in charitable gifts.

An indictment is an accusation by a federal grand jury and a defendant is entitled to the presumption of innocence unless proven guilty. However, if convicted on all counts, Lacedric Deshawn Williams faces a maximum statutory sentence of 48 years imprisonment, a \$4 million fine and restitution.

U.S. Attorney Roper praised the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph M. Revesz.

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