



**United States Attorney's Office District of  
Connecticut  
Press Release**

**January 30, 2009 HAMDEN RESIDENT SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ROLE IN  
TAX REFUND SCHEME**

Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that IGOR RODOV, 32, a citizen of Belarus last residing on Towne House Road in Hamden, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns in New Haven to 12 months of imprisonment, followed by three years of supervised release, for his role in a federal income tax refund scheme. On February 29, 2008, RODOV pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting the commission of wire fraud.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in Court, from January to November 2006, RODOV aided and abetted another individual to engage in a scheme to defraud the United States Department of Treasury and 120 individual federal income taxpayers of money by means of materially false and fraudulent representation. The other individual was able to obtain the personal information of the individual taxpayers, without consent, including names, addresses, social security numbers, and wage information. The individual thereafter used that personal information to electronically file federal income tax returns for those taxpayers using two web sites. Those filings were done without the consent of the taxpayers. The individual electronically signed each of the filings and, in so doing, fraudulently represented that he was the individual taxpayer named in the filings.

RODOV knowingly associated and participated in this scheme to defraud by opening several bank accounts in his personal name with several banks in Connecticut. Subsequently, the individual taxpayers' fraudulently obtained tax refunds were deposited into the bank accounts opened and maintained by RODOV.

Today, Judge Burns ordered RODOV to pay to the victims of this scheme restitution in the amount of \$208,214.

Following service of his term of imprisonment, RODOV is subject to deportation to Belarus.

This matter was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division, and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edward Kang.

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