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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and Charles R. Pine, Special Agent-in-Charge for the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), announced today that George S. B. Afful, age 57, of Dale City, Virginia was sentenced by United States District Court Judge T.S. Ellis III to six months in prison, four months community confinement and restitution in the amount of \$65,731. Afful entered a plea of guilty to preparing false income tax returns in October 2005.

Afful was the owner and operator of a Dale City based tax preparation business known as Tax & Refund Master Services. Afful prepared and provided tax returns for many of his clients that claimed overstated and fictitious deductions thereby reducing his clients' tax liability or causing his clients to receive a larger tax refund than they were entitled to by law. The false aspect of the returns included false charitable gift amounts, false job and miscellaneous expense and false medical and dental expenses. Afful pled guilty to the preparation of 19 false returns for tax years 2000 through 2002 totaling a \$65,731 loss to the government.

This case was an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation special agents and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark D. Lytle and Timothy D. Belevetz of the Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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