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KILLEEN MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FILING FRAUDULENT TAX RETURN

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) This afternoon, U.S. District Judge James Nowlin sentenced 50-year-old **LEATRICE WILLIAMS, a.k.a. Lee Williams**, of Killeen, Texas, to three years in Federal prison and ordered him to pay a \$1,000 fine for preparing and filing a fraudulent income tax return.

On October 17, 2001, Williams pleaded guilty to the charge. In his plea, Williams admitted that while operating a tax preparation business in Killeen in February 1996, he prepared and filed a false Schedule C form [Profit and Loss from Business (Sole Proprietorship)] on behalf of a client. The form reported to the IRS that his client had a net loss of \$9,326 from business activities in 1995 when, in actuality, his client did not operate the business reported on the Schedule C. This, in turn, reduced the client's tax liability.

This investigation was conducted by agents of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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