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Southern District of Florida

Press Release

LAKE WORTH RESIDENT SENTENCED ON TAX FRAUD CHARGES

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R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and Michael E. Yasofsky, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, announced that on August 27, 2008, U. S. District Court Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks in West Palm Beach, FL, sentenced defendant **Martti Antila**, 63, of Lake Worth, Florida to forty-two (42) months imprisonment, to be followed by twenty-four (24) months of supervised release. On April 10, 2008, Antila was charged in a seven count Indictment with preparing and presenting false claims for refunds to the IRS in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 287. On June 25, 2008, Antila pled guilty to willfully preparing and presenting a fraudulent income tax return to the IRS.

According to court documents and in-court testimony, in 2004, the defendant willfully prepared and presented to the IRS more than 100 fraudulent Individual Income Tax Returns for tax years 2000 through 2003. The fraudulent tax returns claimed thousands of dollars in refunds, of which approximately \$200,000 was issued and later seized by the IRS from an investment account under the control of the defendant.

Mr. Acosta commended the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney William T. Zloch.

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