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Owner of Lexington Tax Preparation Service Indicted on 31 Counts of Tax Fraud

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LEXINGTON, Ky. - On Thursday, a federal grand jury sitting in Lexington returned an indictment charging 41-year-old Tiffany Williams, of Georgetown, Ky., with 31 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent tax returns, statements, or other documents.

The indictment alleges that Williams owned a tax preparation business in Fayette County, Quality Tax Services. It further alleges that, while operating that business from 2014 through April 2018, Williams prepared several fraudulent tax returns for presentation to the IRS. According to the indictment, the returns were false and fraudulent because they represented that the taxpayers were entitled to claim certain tax deductions, when Williams knew the taxpayers were not entitled to claim the deductions.

Carlton S. Shier, IV, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and Bryant Jackson, Special Agent in Charge, IRS – Criminal Investigations, jointly announced the indictment.

The investigation was conducted by IRS - Criminal Investigations and the indictment was presented to the grand jury by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrea Mattingly-Williams.

Williams is scheduled to appear in court for her initial appearance on March 14, 2023. She faces up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, on each count. However, any sentence following a conviction would be imposed by the Court, after its consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal sentencing statutes.

Any indictment is an accusation only. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.