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Tax Preparer Convicted of Failure to File Tax Return

Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone, Chief Griffin M. Banos of the Monroe Township Police Department, and the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation's Office of Criminal Investigation announced today that a long-time tax preparer was sentenced after pleading guilty to failure to file a tax return.

In the summer of 2021, authorities received numerous reports of the filing of scores of questionable personal income tax returns on behalf of residents in Middlesex County. Subsequent investigation conducted by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, the Monroe Township Police Department, and the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation's Office of Criminal Investigation, revealed that Jerry R. Jones, 82, of Monroe, filed hundreds of income tax returns that were fraudulent and often claimed deductions, business expenses or exemptions to which the taxpayer was not entitled to claim. These fraudulent filings frequently resulted in refunds or underpayment of income tax.

The investigation into Jones' tax preparation business resulted in the return of an initial indictment by a Middlesex County Grand Jury on August 16, 2022, which charged Jones with second-degree possessing False Government Documents, more specifically, fraudulent birth certificates and a stamp for the United States Internal Revenue Service. These items were recovered from his residence during the execution of a search warrant.

Additional investigation revealed Jones failed to file a tax return on his own behalf for the income he derived from the preparation and filing of other individuals' tax returns. Jones ultimately pleaded guilty to failure to file a tax return and on March 1, 2024, Jones was sentenced by the Honorable Andrea Carter, J.S.C to a five year state prison term, which was suspended for Jones to pay the New Jersey Treasury in connection with his tax delinquency. As part of his sentence, Jones agreed not to file tax returns for anyone but himself or provide financial or accounting planning or advice for any other individuals.

Any individuals who utilized the tax related services of Jerry R. Jones are advised to re-examine their prior tax returns for any potential irregularities. Those who need further assistance may contact Detective Marcus Goode of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at 732-745-4274.

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