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MEMPHIS WOMAN CHARGED IN TAX SCHEME CASE

Memphis, TN - Terrell L. Harris, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, announced today that Carol Lynn Robinson, a/k/a Carol Lynn Edwards, of Memphis, Tennessee, has been charged by a federal grand jury in separate indictments with nine counts of filing false claims against the government and three counts of fraudulently using the social security number of another under false pretenses. The indictments were filed on May 21, 2002. Her initial appearance on the charges was before Magistrate Judge Diane Vescovo on Monday. Robinson was released pending her trial.

One indictment states that Robinson prepared or caused to be prepared nine fraudulent 1997 federal income tax returns that were filed with the Internal Revenue Service between January 30, 1998, and February 26, 1998. The nine tax returns were filed in the names of different individuals and claimed refunds ranging from $3,110 to $5,149. According to the indictment a total of $37,532 in false refunds were claimed on the nine filed tax returns.

A separate indictment charges Robinson, a/k/a Lynn Robinson, with three counts of using another individuals social security number with the intent to deceive. According to the indictment, Robinson used the same social security number three separate times in order to obtain employment between November 2, 1997, and January 4, 1998.

If convicted, Robinson faces a maximum of penalty of 5 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each of the 12 counts charged in the indictments.

This investigation was conducted by IRS-Criminal Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Vivian R. Donelson is handling the case for the government.

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NOTE: Charges brought against a person through an indictment are accusations only. That person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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