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Maui Resident Pleads Guilty in Tax Refund Scam

HONOLULU - On December 3, 2015, Maui resident Nicole Rapoza pled guilty to violating three counts of filing false tax returns and two counts of aiding and abetting the filing of false tax returns in Circuit Court for the Second Circuit, State of Hawaii. Rapoza filed false federal and state tax returns by using fictitious wage statements, and attempted to unlawfully claim a tax refund.

"Individuals who file for fraudulent tax refunds are stealing from the people of Hawaii. They will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law", said Maria E. Zielinski, Tax Director for the State of Hawaii.

When sentenced, Rapoza faces a fine of not more than \$100,000; imprisonment of not more than three years; or probation. This investigation was conducted by the State Department of Taxation Criminal Investigation Section in conjunction with the Department of the Attorney General.

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