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Decatur Tax Preparer Sentenced for Tax Fraud

Decatur—On July 3, 2008, Morgan County Circuit Judge Sherrie Paler sentenced Clinton George Scruggs, age 60, of 266 Forest Home Drive, Trinity, Ala., to a three-year suspended jail sentence, with three years' supervised probation, and ordered restitution to the state totaling \$40,851.85, following his 2007 guilty plea to state tax charges filed by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Scruggs pleaded guilty Nov. 29, 2007, to charges of filing false state income tax returns with the Alabama Department of Revenue and failing to file personal Alabama income tax returns covering a two-year period.

As a condition of his plea, Scruggs, former owner and operator of Scruggs Accounting and Tax Service in Decatur, has agreed to stop preparing tax returns.

State income tax revenues are earmarked for the Alabama Education Trust Fund.

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