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Birmingham Resident Pleads Guilty to State Tax Charges

Birmingham—Deborah A. Zuber Hendon, 54, of 27th 4th Avenue South, Birmingham, Ala., pleaded guilty April 6, 2006, in Jefferson County District Court to state tax charges filed by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Hendon pleaded guilty Thursday before Jefferson County District Judge Robert G. Cahill to five counts of willfully submitting fraudulent tax returns and other documents to the Alabama Department of Revenue for tax years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Hendon filed fictitious refund returns using variations of her name and her grandson's name, complete with fabricated social security numbers and altered W-2 Forms.

Judge Cahill sentenced Hendon to 90 days in jail per count, suspended, and placed Hendon on probation for two years.

Judge Cahill ordered Hendon to pay \$5,478 in delinquent taxes, interest, and penalties and to remain current in all future tax filings with the Alabama Department of Revenue.

State income tax revenues are earmarked for the state's Education Trust Fund (ETF) and are one of the major funding components for the ETF.

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