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### **Tax Preparers Arrested for Fraud**

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On Thursday April 20, 2017 Georgia Department of Revenue Agents executed a search warrant in the Hawkinsville area related to a fraudulent tax preparer. In addition to the search warrants, an arrest warrant was issued for Mitchell Monroe Myers.

The Georgia Department of Revenue recently opened a criminal fraud case into Enhanced Tax Services. The Office of Special Investigations found the business was filing fraudulent returns that included:

- Filing schedule A forms containing inflated deductions for unreimbursed employee expenses, medical and dental expenses, and gifts to charity;
- Filing Schedule C forms containing false businesses with inflated losses to offset taxable income that the taxpayer had no knowledge of;
- Utilizing counterfeit W-2 documents to support filed state tax returns;
- False education credits;
- Questionable dependents.

Criminal charges include computer forgery and false statements, both felonies.

Taxpayers who had fraudulent returns prepared on their behalf by the business must repay all of the refund dollars that were fraudulently obtained.

Josh Waites, Director of the Office of Special Investigations said "Mr. Myers did a disservice to legitimate tax preparers who comply with Georgia Tax Law. We will continue to find and track others who are cheating the state."

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