



PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Frosh Announces Sentencing of Prince George's County Man for Filing False Income Tax Returns

BALTIMORE, MD (September 5, 2019) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that Anthony Lewis, 53, of Riverdale, was sentenced in Anne Arundel County Circuit Court for three counts of filing false income tax returns. Judge Michael Wachs sentenced Lewis to 10 years incarceration, suspending all but 1 year, to be served in the Anne Arundel County Detention Center. Additionally, Judge Wachs ordered 5 years supervised probation upon Lewis' release and restitution of \$100,000. Lewis is also prohibited from acting as a tax preparer.

From 2013 to 2015, Lewis, who was not a registered tax preparer in Maryland, prepared and filed state income tax returns, for a fee, on behalf of numerous Maryland residents. Many of the Maryland tax returns Lewis filed on behalf of his clients included false information, which reduced their Maryland tax liabilities and improperly boosted their state tax refunds by approximately \$100,000.

The case was investigated by the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division and prosecuted by the Criminal Investigations Division of the Maryland Attorney General's Office.