



PRESS RELEASE

Unregistered Tax Preparer Sentenced for Filing False Tax Return

BALTIMORE, MD (January 25, 2021) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that Jacob McNeill, 53, of Middle River, was convicted in the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court on four offenses relating to the filing of Maryland State tax returns. McNeill pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return, failure to file a tax return, identity fraud, and theft. Judge Stacy W. McCormick ordered McNeill to pay \$41,000 in restitution, and sentenced him to probation before judgment and 5 years supervised probation. As a condition of probation, McNeill is prohibited from acting as a tax preparer.

During tax year 2017, McNeill, an unregistered tax preparer, operated Mack's Tax Service from his home in Middle River. McNeill assumed the identity of one of the children of his clients to file a false tax return and steal the refund from the State. McNeill failed to file a personal tax return reporting the income he earned as a tax preparer.

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