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### **Four Arrested for Forgery in Tax Cheating Scheme**

**CHICAGO** –Four Chicago residents were charged with forgery on Monday after they attempted to file fraudulent Illinois Income Tax returns and claim refunds to which they were not entitled.

Arrested by the Chicago Police department’s Financial Crimes Unit with assistance from the Illinois department of Revenue’s Bureau of Criminal Investigation were:

Brandi Grossett, 22, 7300 S. South Shore Drive

Matthew Nisbett, 22, 1011 N. Clark

Raqhael Fonder, 19, 6118 Cottage Grove, and

Tasha Tucker, 21, 6952 S. Justine

Each was charged with Forgery, a Class 3 felony, with a maximum penalty of two to five years. .

“The Illinois Department Of Revenue uses its sophisticated internal systems and works with other law enforcement agencies throughout the state to identify tax fraud,” said Revenue Director Brian Hamer. “Those who try to cheat can expect to be arrested.”

The four are alleged to have filed fraudulent federal and state income tax returns in an attempt to obtain unearned tax refunds. Each was identified and arrested before the refunds were paid.

The Department of Revenue routinely applies computer algorithms to detect potentially fraudulent returns and last year stopped or reduced payment of \$5 million in erroneous state tax refunds.

The Cook County State's Attorney assisted in the investigation and will prosecute the cases.