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## **Silver Spring Man Convicted for Filing False Tax Returns**

**BALTIMORE, MD (January 9, 2023)** – Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced the sentencing of Patrick Mpeck, 51, of Silver Spring, Maryland, for felony theft scheme. Anne Arundel County District Court Judge Kemp W. Hammond sentenced Mpeck to five years of incarceration, all suspended, with two years of supervised probation. Mpeck was also ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution.

During tax years 2007, 2008 and 2009, Mpeck filed false tax returns with the comptroller and received refunds to which he was not entitled. Mpeck obtained the personal identifying information of unsuspecting victims from the trash at the office building where he worked. He then filed the returns using that information supported by fraudulent W-2's. Mpeck would then use fraudulent driver's licenses with the victim's information, but displaying his own photo to cash the refund checks at check cashing facilities.

This case was investigated by Agent Donald O'Shea of the Maryland Comptroller's Field Enforcement Bureau and prosecuted by the Fraud and Corruption Unit of the Attorney General's Office.

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