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Morgan County Tax Preparer Arrested on State Tax Charges

Montgomery—George Clinton Scruggs, 58, of 266 Forest Home Drive, Trinity, Ala., was arrested April 3, 2006, on charges of filing fraudulent income tax returns and on a separate charge of failure to file an individual income tax return for the 2001 tax year, following recent indictments by a Morgan County Grand Jury.

Scruggs has been released on a \$1,500 bond for each charge.

Scruggs, owner of Scruggs Accounting and Tax Service, formerly located at 1002 6th Avenue, Decatur, Ala., is accused of filing fraudulent Alabama income tax returns and of failing to file his 2001 state income tax return.

The tax periods involved cover 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. If convicted on all charges, Scruggs faces possible sentencing of a maximum 10-year jail term and/or a maximum fine of \$325,000.

A trial date has not been set.

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