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TAMPA — Rashia Wilson, a self-proclaimed "queen of IRS tax fraud," was sentenced today to 21 years in federal prison.

Wilson had pleaded guilty to 57 charges related to tax fraud and a weapons offense.

Prosecutors have said Wilson was among the most brazen thieves to commit identity theft tax refund fraud in Tampa. In 2011, she boasted to be Tampa's "queen of IRS tax fraud" in a Facebook post while stealing as much as \$20 million, according to court documents.

A prosecutor said Wilson used the money stolen from taxpayers for "personal greed and glorification." Wilson bought a \$90,000 car and a \$30,000 birthday party for her 1-year-old daughter with the money, according to court documents.

Before sentencing by U.S. Judge James Moody, Wilson wrote a letter to the court apologizing and pleading for mercy. She faced a possible 22-year sentence.

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