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his own tax returns.

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A Georgia man was sentenced on December 19 to two years in prison for evading his personal federal income taxes.

According to court documents and statements made in court, from 1999 to 2021, Samir Patel, of Statesboro, was a tax return preparer at a national return preparation business. In 2015, Patel purchased a franchise of the business in Claxton, Georgia. As

the owner, he hired, trained and supervised tax preparers, while continuing to

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the Southern District of Georgia ordered Patel to serve three years of supervised release and to pay a \$95,000 fine and \$551,450 in restitution to the United States.

Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Stuart M. Goldberg of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney Jill E. Steinberg for the Southern District of Georgia made the announcement. IRS Criminal Investigation investigated the case.

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