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## FORMER CASINO EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO 37 MONTHS IN PRISON

TUCSON, Ariz. – Adam Thomas Vega, 31, of Tucson, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson yesterday to 37 months in prison. Vega was also ordered to pay \$644,422 in restitution.

Vega, a former casino worker, pleaded guilty on April 10, 2009, to one count each of theft by an officer or employee of a gaming establishment on Indian Lands and attempted evasion of assessment and payment of his 2006 federal individual income taxes.

Vega admitted that between October 2005 and July 2007, while employed as a slot floor person at the Desert Diamond Casino in Tucson, he created 585 fraudulent jackpot override tickets. All of the false jackpot tickets were for amounts under \$1,200 to avoid generating a W-2G federal tax withholding form. Vega submitted a total of \$644,422 in jackpot tickets to the casino cage cashiers which were all cashed over the three year period.

Vega also failed to report any of the money from creating the false jackpot tickets as gross income on his tax returns, thus evading assessment and payment of taxes in the amounts of \$23,452 for 2005; \$129,248 for 2006; and \$52,377 for 2007. In addition to the prison sentence, Vega was ordered to rectify his tax situation with the Internal Revenue Service.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Tohono O'odham Police Department and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution was handled by Danny N. Roetzel, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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