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### **INSURANCE EMBEZZLER SENTENCED ON THEFT AND TAX CHARGES**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** --The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that LARRY ENG, age 42 of Litchfield Park, Arizona, was sentenced today before U.S. District Court Judge Roslyn O. Silver to six months' imprisonment plus six months' home detention, and a \$4,000 fine, followed by three years of supervised release for his involvement in the theft of insurer funds and for failing to file a 1996 Federal Individual Income tax return.

According to the April 2001 indictment, LARRY ENG and another defendant, RONALD LEE TURNER, aided a third defendant, MICHAEL BOOS, in embezzling \$228,260 from Midland Risk Insurance Company. BOOS was a claims supervisor for Midland Risk Insurance Company in 1996 and issued 21 false claims checks totaling \$228,260 and was assisted in cashing them by ENG and BOOS.

ENG received approximately \$33,560 during 1996 in fees for cashing the checks. In addition, ENG failed to file a 1996 Federal Individual Income tax return and report the \$33,560.

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According to his plea agreement, ENG pleaded guilty to the theft of insurer funds, a felony, and to failure to file a 1996 federal tax return, a misdemeanor, and also agreed to make restitution to Midland Insurance Company in the amount of \$137,660.

For the theft of insurer funds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1033(b)(1), ENG faced a maximum sentence of tens years' imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gain to the defendant because of the offense, or both. For failing to file a 1996 tax return, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203, ENG faced a maximum term of imprisonment of one year, a fine of \$25,000, or both.

The other two defendants, BOOS and TURNER, have already been sentenced for their involvement in this insurance embezzlement scheme.

This case was investigated by special agents of the Phoenix Field Office of IRS Criminal Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Mark E. Aspey, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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