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PALM HARBOR CHIROPRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING A FALSE INCOME TAX RETURN

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced that Terry Lynn McKnight pled guilty to a criminal Information charging him with making and filing a materially false income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service. McKnight, a 47 year old resident of Hudson, Florida, is a chiropractor who owns and operates the McKnight Chiropractic Clinic, P.A. located in Palm Harbor, Florida.

McKnight pled guilty to making and filing a false corporate income tax return for the clinic for the tax year 1999. According to a plea agreement filed with the court, McKnight acknowledged that he became involved with Anderson's Ark and Associates ("AAA") and Tara LeGrand, an AAA accountant, in 1998. McKnight further acknowledged that AAA sells, implements and manages "tax reduction strategies" which, in reality, are nothing more than tax fraud strategies, the purpose of which is to assist clients, like McKnight, in committing tax fraud. McKnight admitted to using one of the AAA strategies to falsely claim advertising expenses in excess of \$80,000 on the clinic's tax return, when in fact the clinic had little or no such expenses.

The maximum penalty McKnight faces is three (3) years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and one (1) year of supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division, Internal Revenue Service, Tampa, Florida. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dennis I. Moore.