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FRESNO BUSINESSMAN INDICTED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENT TO IRS

FRESNO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DAVID P. FANSLER, 54, of Fresno, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Fresno on one count of making and subscribing to a false document to the Internal Revenue Service and one count of impeding the administration of the internal revenue laws.

This case is a product of an extensive investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mark E. Cullers, who is prosecuting the case, FANSLER, 54, had pled guilty on January 30, 2003, to three counts of filing a false tax return and one count of making a false statement on a loan application. As part of his plea agreement with the government, FANSLER agreed to cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service in determining the amount of income tax he owed for 1991, 1993 and 1994. However, during the alleged cooperation, FANSLER submitted a false Form 433-A, Collection Information Statement, wherein he failed to disclose the existence of an Ameritrade brokerage account containing over \$200,000. Furthermore, the indictment alleges that FANSLER also opened and funded a Scottrade brokerage account under the name of his daughter, from which he received monies that he failed to disclose to the Internal Revenue Service.

If convicted of the false document count, FANSLER faces up to three years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000. If convicted of the obstruction count, FANSLER faces up to three years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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