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Minnesota woman indicted for conspiring, failing to pay employment taxes

MINNEAPOLIS—Earlier today in federal court in St. Paul, a Minnesota woman was indicted for conspiring to enrich herself by diverting more than \$150,000 in payroll taxes withheld from the paychecks of her employees. Doris Ruiz was charged with one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and ten counts of failure to account for and pay over federal employment taxes. The indictment alleges that from 2005 through 2007, Ruiz diverted the payroll taxes by instructing employees to stop preparing tax return forms.

Ruiz is the owner of Olen Staff Company, a temporary work agency located in Minneapolis, which provides workers to factories, construction companies, and other businesses. Ruiz is responsible for collecting, accounting for, and paying certain federal income taxes, including Federal Insurance Contribution Act ("FICA") taxes, from employee wages. Between 2005 and 2007, Ruiz allegedly deducted and collected federal employment taxes from Olen employees but failed to pay them to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). In total, Ruiz failed to account for and pay \$150,292.44 in federal employment taxes.

If convicted, Ruiz faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison on each count. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an

investigation by the IRS-Criminal Investigation Division. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann M. Anaya.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial. Per U.S. Department of Justice policy, the U.S. Attorney's Office is not allowed to provide the age and city of residence for defendants charged in criminal tax cases.