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**PELHAM BUSINESS OWNER SENTENCED TO
PRISON FOR TAX EVASION SCHEME**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that ANTHONY GUIDO, a Pelham Manor, New York resident who operated a series of Westchester-based trucking and construction companies, was sentenced today by United States District Judge KENNETH M. KARAS in White Plains federal court to seven months in prison and seven months of home detention for his involvement in a multi-year tax evasion scheme carried out through his businesses. GUIDO, 57, pleaded guilty in December of 2006 to a two-count Information charging him with conspiracy to defraud the United States and tax evasion.

According to the Information to which GUIDO pleaded guilty and statements made in White Plains federal court:

GUIDO owned a series of trucking and construction-related firms (the "AJAY companies") which were based in Mount Vernon, Westchester County. GUIDO, together with his co-conspirators, brother MICHAEL GUIDO and sister DONNA GUIDO, engaged in a conspiracy to defraud the United States by withdrawing over \$2,900,000 out of AJAY bank accounts to pay cash salaries to themselves and employees of the AJAY companies between 1991 and 2000. The cash wages were not reported to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and were paid to the AJAY employees pursuant to agreements made with ANTHONY GUIDO, which provided that ANTHONY GUIDO and his companies would not report the cash wages to the IRS. AJAY thereafter filed false payroll tax returns that omitted the cash wages. Additionally, ANTHONY GUIDO willfully failed to file personal income tax returns for the tax years 1984 through 2002.

DONNA and MICHAEL GUIDO pleaded guilty in White Plains federal court in 2006 to conspiracy and tax evasion charges, and

are scheduled to be sentenced next month.

In imposing a sentence of imprisonment, Judge KARAS stressed the need for all business owners to comply with the tax laws, and directed that GUIDO serve seven months of his prison term in a Federal Bureau of Prisons facility, to be followed by seven months home detention. GUIDO was also directed to pay restitution of \$824,000 to the IRS.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the IRS in this case.

Assistant United States Attorney STANLEY J. OKULA, Jr., was in charge of the prosecution.

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