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DENTIST CONVICTED OF ALL COUNTS IN TAX FRAUD CASE

Richard P. Kaufman, 61, of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, was convicted today by a federal jury of all counts relating to a scheme to obstruct the Internal Revenue Service, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Kaufman was charged with one count of corruptly endeavoring to obstruct or impede the due administration of the internal revenue laws, three counts of false claims, and four counts of failure to file tax returns. He has not filed a legitimate tax return since 1991. The defendant is a dentist licensed in Pennsylvania who attempted to hide his income from the IRS by transferring his house into a fictitious trust, frequently changing the bank into which he deposited his business receipts, and submitting, to the IRS, \$10 million in fictitious documents titled "bonded promissary notes." Kaufman also submitted to the IRS three separate Forms 1040 for tax year 2008 which falsely claimed a total of \$7 million in federal income taxes withheld. In total, Kaufman requested that the IRS send a refund of \$865,041 to his bank account.

Sentencing before U.S. District Court Judge Juan R. Sanchez has been scheduled for November 7, 2011. Kaufman faces an advisory sentencing guideline range of 33 to 41 months in prison, a fine of up to \$1.4 million fine, restitution to the IRS, and a \$500 special assessment. Kaufman, who represented himself at trial, was immediately remanded into federal custody.

The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joan E. Burnes.

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