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NEWS RELEASE
***GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENT
CHARGING OWNER OF CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY WITH TAX EVASION***

SALT LAKE CITY – A federal grand jury returned an indictment Wednesday afternoon charging John Vander Veur of Park City, a licensed general contractor in Utah, with tax evasion.

The indictment alleges Vander Veur received taxable income during calendar year 2000 and, based on that taxable income, owed substantial income tax. Despite knowing he owed the tax, the indictment alleges that over the course of several years, Vander Veur took several affirmative steps to avoid paying the tax.

According to the indictment, Vander Veur owned and operated Deer Valley Mill and Cabinets, a business that manufactured cabinets that were installed into homes, including homes built by his construction company. The indictment alleges that although he owned and operated the business, in May 2004 he had another individual open bank accounts and sign documents in the name of Deer Valley Mill and Cabinets.

Among the steps he took to avoid paying taxes were filing a return for the year reporting less than his actual income; having his daughter-in-law open an account for his business; filing amended forms reporting losses and no tax due or owing; filing forms that did not disclose he owned Deer Valley Mill and Cabinets or list any of its assets or income even though he was actually the sole owner of that business; and representing to an IRS revenue officer that the company was owned by one of his sons, not him.

The indictment also alleges that Vander Veur presented tax returns to financial institutions from whom he was seeking loans that listed tax substantially in excess of the taxes he reported that he owed on the tax returns he filed with the IRS.

A summons has been issued to Vander Veur to appear for arraignment in federal court Feb. 22, 2011, at 9:45 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Samuel Alba. The potential penalty for tax evasion is up to five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. An indictment is not a finding of guilt. Individuals charged in indictments are presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty in court.

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