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Man Pleads Guilty to Filing Bogus Documents with IRS

MEDFORD, Ore. – Duane Harry Panter, 53, of Medford, Oregon, pleaded guilty today to one count of filing a false tax document under penalty of perjury. Panter's sentencing is set for April 12, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. before U.S. District Judge Owen M. Panner. Panter, who faces up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each conviction, remains released on his own recognizance pending sentencing.

In 2000 and 2001, intending to retaliate against adversaries, Panter falsely reported that he transferred amounts ranging from \$1 million to \$50 million dollars in currency to various Medford officials, including Municipal Court Judge William Haberlach and City Attorney John Huttli. Panter filed fraudulent IRS Forms 8300 – used to report cash payments over \$10,000 – on each victim's behalf, hoping to spark an IRS investigation.

This case was investigated by agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

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