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FORMER MARANA RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 48 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR WIRE FRAUD AND TAX OFFENSES

TUCSON, Ariz. – On September 5, 2012, Phillip E. Narum, 47, formerly of Marana, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury to 48 months in federal prison for wire fraud and filing false tax returns. Narum was found guilty at trial on the wire fraud charges. He previously pleaded guilty to the tax charges.

According to evidence presented at trial, Narum was hired in 2004 as an independent contractor at Young and Sons Contracting, Inc., a family owned and operated construction firm in Tucson. Between 2005 and 2008, Narum defrauded Young and Sons of approximately \$573,000, which he used to make credit card and mortgage payments and to purchase personal items such as a motor home, multiple dragsters, and dragster parts.

A restitution hearing is set for November 5, 2012.

The investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and the FBI. The prosecution is being handled by Danny N. Roetzel and Sonia Owens, Trial Attorneys of the Department of Justice Tax Division, and Jane L. Westby, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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