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OWNER OF SUPERIOR GOURMET FOODS PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX EVASION

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Craig E. Jackson (45, Seminole) today pled guilty to one count of tax evasion pursuant to a written plea agreement with the government. As a result of his plea, Jackson faces a maximum penalty of five (5) years in federal prison.

According to his plea agreement, Jackson was the sole shareholder and owner of the Clearwater, Florida based company, Superior Gourmet Foods, Inc. ("SGF"). SGF sells door-to-door frozen foods to local residential customers. In an effort to evade the payment of income tax for the 2004-2007 tax years, Jackson diverted SGF cash receipts to his personal bank account, rather than deposit them in his SGF business bank account, as his accountant had instructed him to do. In further contravention of his accountant's instructions, he failed to report these cash receipts as income on his and his spouse's joint tax returns and as gross receipts on his corporate tax returns.

In an effort to further evade the payment of income tax for the 2004-2007 tax years, Jackson also used SGF funds to pay for his personal expenditures and then falsely and fraudulently advised his accountant that these expenditures constituted business-related expenses. In addition, he failed to report these personal expenditures as income on his

and his spouse's joint tax returns and instead falsely and fraudulently claimed them as business deductions on his cooperate tax returns.

According to the plea agreement, his unreported income and overstated expenses on his federal income tax returns for the 2004-2007 tax years totaled approximately \$351,454.

This case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christopher P. Tuite.