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**LAS CRUCES MAN SENTENCED TO 27 MONTHS FOR FEDERAL WIRE FRAUD
CONVICTION RELATED TO DUBIOUS TREATMENT FOR LYME DISEASE**

Defendant Ordered to Pay \$ 164,522 in Restitution to Victims

LAS CRUCES – On March 22, 2012, a federal judge sentenced **Carl Emanuel Haese**, 35, of Las Cruces, N.M., to 27 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release for his wire fraud conviction. Haese also was ordered to pay \$164, 522 in restitution and a \$10,000 fine. Haese, who was released on a \$5,000 unsecured bond after he was charged on June 5, 2009, will remain on bond until he is directed to report to a federal correctional facility to be designated by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

According to court filings, between July 11, 2008 and April 9, 2009, Haese engaged in a scheme to defraud patients at his clinic, the Haese Clinic of Integrative Medicine, located on North Telshor in Las Cruces. As part of the scheme, Haese claimed to have a secret protocol for the treatment of Lyme Disease that was 100% successful. He also falsely claimed successfully to have treated 3,000 patients for the disease. Haese charged patients \$5,000 for the treatment, which was not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Haese pled guilty to an information charging him with wire fraud on January 15, 2010. During his plea hearing, Haese admitted that the representation that his Lyme Disease treatment had a 100% success rate was false. Haese also admitted that, on at least one occasion, a patient paid for the treatment using a Visa credit card and that the transaction was initiated at his clinic in Las Cruces and processed by BBNT Bank in North Carolina.

By the time of Haese's sentencing hearing, 21 victims had submitted verified claims for restitution from Haese for the Lyme Disease treatment. The court ordered Haese to pay a total of \$164, 522 in restitution to the victims. The court also imposed a \$10,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with assistance from the New Mexico Board of Pharmacy and the Las Cruces Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mark A. Saltman and Andrea W. Hattan.

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