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OWNER OF LEADING SAN DIEGO CATERING SERVICE SENTENCED FOR ROLE IN TAX EVASION SCHEME

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 15, 2013

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that today Robert Peltier, one of the two principal owners and operators of Ranch Catering (dba "Ranch Events"), was ordered to pay \$222,822 in restitution for committing tax evasion stemming from the operation of his business. United States District Judge Janis L. Sammartino also sentenced the defendant to serve six months home incarceration and six months home detention.

According to its website, Ranch Catering is one of San Diego's "leading catering specialists, managing many exciting and unique venues and some of the largest Special Events in America." As detailed in charging documents, Peltier – while operating the catering business in 2003 – deposited proceeds from the business into accounts located at two different banks. When it came time to prepare his tax returns, Peltier provided his tax preparer with the deposits from only one of the two banks. As a result,

