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CORRALES MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR FEDERAL WIRE FRAUD CONVICTION

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning, a United States District Judge sentenced **Robert Frank Hayes**, also known as "Frank William Bauman," to five months imprisonment to be followed by five months home confinement with electronic monitoring for his federal wire fraud conviction.

Hayes, 46, of Corrales, will be on supervised release for five years after he completes his term of confinement. While confined and on supervised release, Hayes will be prohibited from engaging in credit or financial negotiations absent prior approval from the U.S. Probation Department. The Judge also ordered Hayes to pay restitution in the amount of \$192,059.62 to First Tennessee Bank, the victim of his fraudulent conduct. Hayes is required to surrender to a federal correctional institution to be identified by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons by October 19, 2011.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Hayes pled guilty to Count 2 of a two-count charging him with federal wire fraud offenses on March 3, 2011. In entering his guilty plea, Hayes admitted making several materially false statements in residential loan applications. Although Hayes represented that there were no judgments against him in the applications, he admitted that there were more than \$250,000.00 in civil judgments against him. Hayes admitted that, despite his claim that he had been employed by Lightstorm Construction, Inc. for ten years in the 2005 application and eleven years in the 2006 application, the company was not incorporated until October 2004. He also admitted falsely claiming that he was not obligated to pay either spouse or child support when in fact he was required to pay child and spouse support

in the amount of \$9,000.00 a year. Hayes acknowledged that he knowingly made these false statements as part of a scheme for obtaining money, and with the knowledge that the interstate wire communication facilities would be used to facilitate his unlawful scheme.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, Count 1 of the indictment was dismissed after Hayes was sentenced.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Secret Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Paul H. Spiers.

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