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RAYBORN TRIAL PRESS RELEASE

Memphis, TN - Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee and James M. Cavanaugh, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Nashville Field Division, announced that the federal jury returned a verdict of guilty, yesterday, as to all Counts of the Indictment in <u>United States v. Gerald Rayborn</u>. Rayborn, a 59-year old male, was charged with Conspiracy to commit wire fraud, mail fraud, and money laundering, and in addition two counts of mail fraud, and one count of money laundering. Gerald Rayborn is the pastor of the New Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church located on Horn Lake Road in Memphis, Tennessee. The Indictment described that Rayborn conspired with Larry Bullock, a Certified Public Accountant, to submit fraudulent tax returns to a mortgage company to obtain a mortgage loan. In a separate trial, on June 8, 2005, Bullock was convicted by a federal jury of the same charges except he was not charged with the one count of money laundering.

Honorable J. Daniel Breen, U.S. District Judge, presided over both trials, Rayborn and Bullock. Rayborn's trial commenced on Monday, July 11, 2005. Rayborn will be sentenced on October 14, 2005. He faces a possible sentence of 65 years of imprisonment.

The investigation was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Assistant United States Attorneys, Kevin P. Whitmore and Cam Jones, were the prosecutors assigned

to the case.

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