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MONUMENT MAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE TAX AGENT

DENVER – A federal grand jury in Denver has returned a four count indictment charging Edward Sobczewski, age 47, of Monument, Colorado, with attempting to bribe an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Revenue Agent. Sobczewski was arrested without incident late yesterday by special agents with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). The defendant is scheduled to make his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Denver this morning, where he'll be advised of the charges pending against him.

According to the indictment, Sobczewski attempted to bribe an IRS Revenue Agent with Colorado Rockies season tickets in return for the agent altering the defendant's 2006 personal income tax return audit.

"The message is simple: Don't even think about bribing an IRS agent with Rockies' tickets or anything else," said U.S. Attorney Troy Eid.

Terry K. Peacock, Special Agent in Charge of the Denver TIGTA office said "Public confidence in the integrity of tax administration is paramount. TIGTA actively investigates any attempt to compromise this integrity through bribery or other means."

If convicted of Bribery, the defendant faces up to 15 years in federal prison, and not more than a \$250,000 fine, for each of the four counts.

This case was investigated by special agents with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA).

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Suneeta Hazra.

These charges are only allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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