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PRESS STATEMENT
***GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENT
CHARGING PAIR WITH
ATTEMPTED INCOME TAX EVASION IN
OPERATION OF ESCORT SERVICE***

SALT LAKE CITY -- A federal grand jury in Salt Lake City returned an indictment Wednesday afternoon charging Roy B. Hoskins with two counts of attempted income tax evasion and Jodi Hoskins with one count of attempted income tax evasion, the U.S. Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced today.

The indictment alleges that Roy Hoskins owned and operated Companions, an escort service that maintained its principal place of business in Utah. Jodi Hoskins acted as Companions' office manager from its inception in 2000 and continued in that capacity after her marriage to Roy Hoskins in 2002.

According to the indictment, Roy B. Hoskins knowingly omitted substantial income from Companions from his 2001 individual income tax return (Form 1040) and Roy B. Hoskins and Jodi Hoskins knowingly

omitted substantial income from Companions from their joint 2002 tax return.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum potential sentence of five years imprisonment, or a fine of \$250,000, or both, for each charge.

The charges contained in the indictment are only allegations. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being prosecuted by attorneys from the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Utah and investigated by Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation agents.

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