

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No: 07-80033-CR-MARRA/HOPKINS
26 U.S.C. 7206(1)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES L. EXLINE,
Defendant.

INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At various times pertinent to this Information:

1. Defendant, **JAMES L. EXLINE**, was an elected City Commissioner for the City of West Palm Beach, Florida. **EXLINE** was first appointed as a City Commissioner in or around March 1999 and re-elected to two-year terms as City Commissioner in or around March 2002, March 2004, and March 2006.
2. Defendant, **JAMES L. EXLINE** also worked as a land use and planning consultant, and was a licensed real estate agent. **EXLINE** affiliated his real estate licence at a West Palm Beach-based real estate brokerage firm known to the United States Attorney.
3. Prior to October 2004, the owner of that real estate brokerage firm who was also a land developer and businessman known to the United States Attorney, engaged defendant **JAMES**

L. EXLINE to provide certain land use and planning services for a development being contemplated in the City of West Palm Beach.

4. In or around October, 2004, the land developer known to the United States Attorney agreed to give \$50,000 to defendant **JAMES L. EXLINE** for past and future real estate commissions and land planning services related to the contemplated development. **EXLINE** directed that the \$50,000 check be made payable to a West Palm Beach retail jewelry store known to the United States Attorney instead of being paid directly to **EXLINE**.

5. On or about October 7, 2004, the land developer wrote a \$50,000 personal check to the West Palm Beach jewelry store. Subsequently, the business owner negotiated the check and gave the proceeds to defendant **JAMES L. EXLINE**.

6. From at least as early as in or around October, 2004, and continuing through on or about May 11, 2005, defendant **JAMES L. EXLINE** met with the staff of the City of West Palm Beach to assist the land developer with the land use and planning issues pending in the City of West Palm Beach related to the contemplated development. These issues related to a parcel of property that was not located within **EXLINE**'s City Commission district.

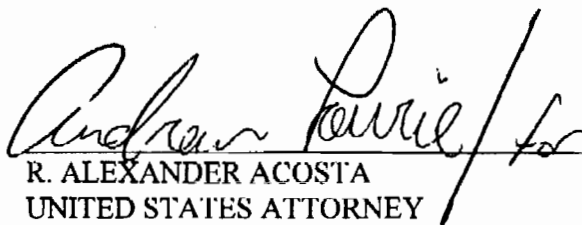
7. Defendant **JAMES L. EXLINE** did not report this \$50,000 as income on his 2004 Federal Income Tax return.

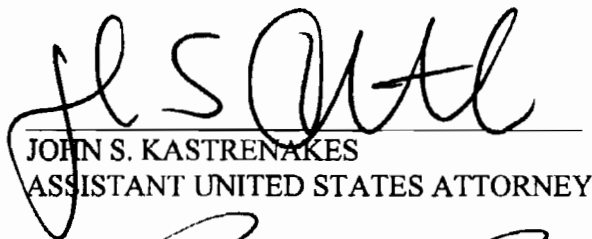
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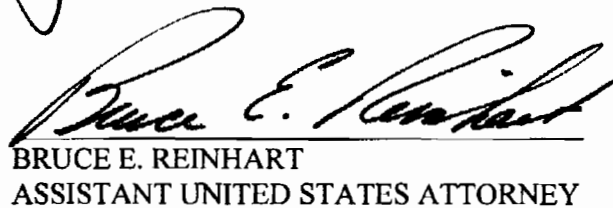
On or about April 9, 2005, at West Palm Beach, in Palm Beach County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendant,

JAMES L. EXLINE,

did willfully make and subscribe a 2004 Federal Income Tax return which was verified by a written declaration that it was made under the penalties of perjury and was filed with the Internal Revenue Service, which Federal Income Tax return he did not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter in that the Federal Income Tax return falsely stated that the defendant's adjusted gross income was \$39,671.00, when in truth and in fact, as the defendant then well knew and believed, his adjusted gross income for 2004 was approximately \$94,984.00; in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).


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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY


JOHN S. KASTRENAKES
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