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FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SENTENCED ON FEDERAL TAX CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz. –The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on May 17, 2004, Jose K. Livanios, DOB 2/11/58, of Nogales, Ariz., was sentenced on tax charges. Livanios was sentenced by United States District Court Judge David Bury to five months in prison and five months of home confinement as a result of his felony conviction for Subscribing and Filing a Materially False Income Tax Return, Form 1040, for 1998. He must also perform 60 hours of community service.

Livanios had substantially more farm income from his cattle business than the \$25,000 he claimed on his tax return. The Internal Revenue calculations showed under reported income of \$45,066 for 1998. The total under reported income from his cattle business for the years 1996, 1997, and 1998 was approximately \$94,760.

Jose Livanios, a former Supervisory Immigration Inspector with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), now known as the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (BICE) in Nogales, Ariz., resigned from INS on October 10, 2003.

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Jose Livanios has paid in excess of \$29,000 in back taxes to the IRS for the 1996, 1997, and 1998 tax years and must still pay the IRS interest and penalties.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Special Agents with the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations Division.

The prosecution was handled by James T. Lacey, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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