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TAX PREPARER SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS FOR PREPARING FALSE RETURNS

PHOENIX –The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona announced that on May 17, 2004, George Roa Ruiz, DOB 7/29/50, was sentenced to 30 months in prison by United States District Judge Stephen McNamee in Phoenix.

Ruiz was charged with 21 counts of Aiding and Abetting the Preparation of False Returns and assisting ten different sets of clients between 1999 and 2000. On September 2, 2003, Ruiz pled to one count of the Indictment. Following the presentation of extensive evidence by both parties, the Court found that determined that Ruiz was responsible for just over \$1.2 million in tax losses to the federal government. As part of his sentence Ruiz was ordered to repay those sums which otherwise cannot be collected from his client taxpayers.

Ruiz conducted his fraudulent scheme through his tax preparation business, Ruiz Accounting Services located in Phoenix. Ruiz accomplished his scheme by generating and fabricating false Schedule A Itemized Deductions, false Form 2106 Employees Business Expenses, false Schedule D losses for Personal Bad Debt, false Form 2441 Child and Dependent Care Expenses, and false Form 8863 Education Credits. Ruiz’s preparation of false income tax

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returns resulted in his clients receiving sizeable income tax refunds to which they were not entitled.

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

The prosecution was handled by Ashley Adams-Feldman, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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