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OFFICER OF EMPLOYEE LEASING COMPANY IS SENTENCED TO 8 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT FOR OMITTING OVER \$1,000,000 IN TAXES ON PAYROLL TAX RETURNS

RE: UNITED STATES v. DAVID MANN

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that on October 22, 2004, David Mann, age 38, of 4673 Williamson Road, Marion, New York, was sentenced by Honorable David G. Larimer, United States District Court Judge, to 8 months in prison and ordered to pay more than \$1,300,000 in federal taxes in connection with his guilty plea in September 2003 to a felony information charging him with filing a false payroll tax return, Form 941, for the quarter ending December 31 1998, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1), which carries a maximum sentence of 3 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that Mann was an officer of the Payroll Store, Inc., an employee leasing company, located at 209 E. Main Street, Palmyra, New York. For the year 1998, Mann prepared and signed quarterly Form 941 payroll tax returns for the Payroll Store, Inc. Mann failed to report on the tax returns the total amount of wages paid to the employees of the Payroll Store, Inc. Specifically, Mann reported total wages on the returns as \$6,685,468.85, when in fact he knew that the actual total wages paid for the 1998 was \$13,424,275.97. The omission of the wages on the tax returns resulted in the Payroll Store, Inc. failing to pay \$1,333,616.96 in taxes to the Internal Revenue Service.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Anne Marie Coons, Criminal Investigation Division.

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