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DALLAS COUPLE INDICTED ON CHARGES RELATED TO THEIR OPERATION OF A TAX-EVASION SCHEME

Defendant Daniel Fisher Also Charged With Perjury

United States Attorney Richard B. Roper announced that a federal grand jury in Dallas returned a 37-count superseding indictment this week against Dallas residents, Daniel A. Fisher and his wife, Brenda Meyers-Fisher, a/k/a Brenda Fisher. Daniel A. Fisher is charged with 34 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation and presentation of false and fraudulent tax returns, one count of bank fraud, one count of making a false statement in connection with a loan application, and one count of bank fraud and one count of making a false statement in connection with a loan application. The Fishers are scheduled to appear before the Honorable Jerry Buchmeyer, United States Senior District Judge, for arraignment on August 5, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

If convicted on all counts, Daniel A. Fisher faces a maximum statutory sentence of 167 years imprisonment and a \$5.65 million fine. Brenda Fisher, if convicted on all charges, faces a maximum statutory sentence of 60 years imprisonment and a \$2.0 million fine.

This indictment supersedes a two-count indictment filed in May that charged the Fishers with bank-related offenses. This superseding indictment alleges that Daniel Fisher, operating through a number of entities (The Structured Advantage, Inc.; Bright Light Consultants; Real Time Consulting, LLC; TFA Consulting, LLC; the J. Washington Company, Inc.; and Wealth Dynamics, LLC) in Dallas and elsewhere, offered financial and tax services to clients, including preparing tax returns.

It alleges that from April 2001 through September 2003, for the sole purpose of eliminating tax liability owed to the government, Daniel Fisher prepared numerous fraudulent tax returns where the supporting schedules and forms were false and fraudulent and business entities



associated with the business tax returns were sham business entities. It also alleges that Daniel Fisher improperly shifted taxable income from the individual tax returns to business entities. The indictment alleges that the intended and actual tax loss caused by Daniel Fisher was more than \$7 million.

In January 2004, the Honorable Chief United States District Judge A. Joe Fish issued a permanent injunction ordering that Daniel A. and Brenda Fisher turn over to the government a list of the names, addresses and social security numbers of all their customers and barring Daniel Fisher from representing customers before the Internal Revenue Service. That court order found that the defendants illegally advised their customers to conceal income and assets in sham partnerships, to claim improper tax deductions, and to stop paying federal employment taxes. The Court also found that the Fishers and their associates have prepared hundreds of fraudulent tax returns, sham partnership agreements, as well as fraudulent IRS W-2 and 1099 forms.

The indictment also charges that at an injunction compliance hearing on April 2, 2004, while under oath as a witness, Daniel A. Fisher perjured himself by giving false testimony in that he denied that he had given tax advice and prepared tax returns for individuals when he well knew that he had done so.

Both Daniel A. Fisher and Brenda Fisher are also charged in the indictment with bank fraud and making a false statement in connection with a loan application relating to the \$300,000 revolving line of credit they sought from Wells Fargo Bank in March/April 2004. The indictment charges that the Fishers submitted fraudulent income tax returns to Wells Fargo Bank in an attempt to influence the bank's action on the loan.

An indictment is an accusation by a federal grand jury and a defendant is entitled to the presumption of innocence unless proven guilty.

U.S. Attorney Roper praised the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), Dallas Field Office.

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