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INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH TAX SCHEME INDICTED FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

FRESNO--United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that TERRI YVONNE LEWIS, her husband CURTIS WAYNE LEWIS and STEVEN LYLE ANDERSON were indicted by a federal grand jury in Fresno on conspiracy and obstruction of justice charges.

According to the indictment, TERRI YVONNE LEWIS, 42,

CURTIS WAYNE LEWIS, 46, and STEVEN LYLE ANDERSON, 37, all of whom

are residents of Squaw Valley, California, were members and

associates of Anderson' Ark and Associates (AAA), a nationwide

and worldwide organization which promoted the use of trusts by

individuals to avoid paying taxes. TERRI YVONNE LEWIS, CURTIS

WAYNE LEWIS and STEVEN LYLE ANDERSON are charged with conspiracy

to obstruct justice by shredding AAA documents and erasing AAA
related matters from a computer after being served with federal

grand jury subpoenas to produce AAA documents and preserve

information on their computers. They are also charged with

destruction and removal of property for shredding AAA-related

documents before and during the execution of federal search

warrants.

TERRI YVONNE LEWIS and STEVEN LYLE ANDERSON are also charged with obstruction of justice for their role in using a disk wipe program at the residence of TERRI YVONNE LEWIS and CURTIS WAYNE LEWIS to erase AAA-related information from a computer.

If convicted on all counts, TERRI YVONNE LEWIS faces up to 25 years in prison and a fine of \$750,000.

If convicted on all counts, CURTIS WAYNE LEWIS faces up to 15 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000.

If convicted on all counts, STEVEN LYLE ANDERSON faces up to 25 years in prison and a fine of \$750,000.

The charges are only allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States

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and was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of

the Internal Revenue Service.