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THREE ORLANDO AREA RESIDENTS AND ONE TAMPA AREA RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, TAMPERING WITH WITNESSES, PERJURY AND ASSAULT ON IRS AGENTS

Orlando, Florida - United States District Judge Anne C. Conway today sentenced WILLIAM EDWIN BAKER, JR., age 52, of Hudson, Florida; CHARLES DEWEY TOBIAS, JR., age 56, of Longwood, Florida; RICHARD H. MACLEAN, JR., age 57, of Orlando, Florida; and RACHEL BAKER, age 34, of Casselberry, Florida, for conspiracy and obstruction of justice. Additionally, MACLEAN, BAKER and TOBIAS were sentenced for tampering with witnesses. MACLEAN was also sentenced for concealing objects from a federal grand jury. RACHEL BAKER was also sentenced for two counts of perjury and one count of assaulting federal law enforcement officers. MACLEAN was sentenced to forty-eight months' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. RACHEL BAKER was sentenced to twenty-seven months' imprisonment and 150 hours of community service. WILLIAM EDWIN BAKER was sentenced to thirty-three months' imprisonment, which will run consecutive to his twenty-seven month sentence he previously received for income tax evasion. The defendants were convicted by a jury on October 20, 2004. RACHEL BAKER was convicted of the assault charges on January 21, 2005.

According to the evidence presented at trial, MACLEAN and his wife were targets of an Internal Revenue Service investigation concerning their failure to file tax returns or pay income taxes. MACLEAN and his wife worked for Servos & Simulation, a defense contracting firm in Maitland, Florida, with RACHEL BAKER, TOBIAS, and others. Federal Grand Jury subpoenas were issued to RACHEL BAKER and other individuals with whom the MACLEANS worked to determine the source of the MACLEANS' income. The evidence presented at trial showed that MACLEAN, TOBIAS, and BAKER held a meeting a week before the scheduled grand jury appearance and advised RACHEL BAKER and the other witnesses how to testify and what to say to frustrate the investigation. The meeting was tape recorded and the recording was given to the witnesses. At a subsequent date, the grand jury issued subpoenas to the witnesses for the tape recording of the meeting. MACLEAN, knowing that the subpoenas had been issued for the recordings, told the witnesses to return the recordings to him. The evidence at trial also showed that RACHEL BAKER committed perjury in two grand jury appearances.

According to the evidence at the separate trial on the assault charges relating to RACHEL BAKER, when agents went to arrest her, she tried to run back into her house and close the door on the agents. She was prevented from going into the house and then engaged in a ten minute physical struggle with the agents. One of the agents received very minor injuries. A Seminole County Deputy Sheriff assisted the agents and the defendant was taken into custody.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney I. Randall Gold.