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SCOTTSDALE RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FALSE TAX RETURN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on February 19, 2003, DONALD W. PULLIN, DOB 3/12/69, of Scottsdale, Arizona, pled guilty in federal court to one count of making and subscribing to a false federal income tax return, Form 1040PC, for the tax year 1998 in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

According to the Plea Agreement, PULLIN filed a Form 1040PC for the 1998 tax year whereby he falsified the wages and withholding figures that resulted in a large refund being sought. PULLIN falsely claimed wages of \$139,676, with federal tax withheld of \$62,686, and a refund due of over \$41,000, when PULLIN knew his correct wages for that year were approximately \$41,511, his federal tax withheld was approximately \$6,678, and he was not entitled to the refund claimed. As part of the plea agreement, PULLIN admitted to an intended tax loss of over \$84,000 for tax years 1996 through 1998.

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PULLIN faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of three years, a fine of \$250,000, or both when he is sentenced before United States District Court Judge Roslyn O. Silver on May 12, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

The investigation in this case was conducted by special agents of the Phoenix Field Office of IRS Criminal Investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by Brett A. Sagel and John J. Kaleba, attorneys with the Department of Justice Tax Division, through the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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