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# **INDICTED TUCSON MAN WAS ALLEGEDLY A CLIENT IN A MULTI-NATIONAL TAX FRAUD SCHEME**

**TUCSON, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announces that, on August 20, 2003, a federal grand jury in Tucson, Arizona returned a two count indictment against SCOTT FRANCIS CREASIA (DOB: 01/27/1967) of Tucson, Arizona.

The federal indictment charges CREASIA with violating Title 26 of the United States Code, Section 7206(1), making and subscribing a false return, statement or other document under the penalties of perjury. The indictment alleges that CREASIA filed false form 1040's for the years 1998 and 1999. According to an indictment returned in the Western District of Washington (Seattle) on December 10, 2002 (Seattle Indictment), Creasia was a member of Anderson's Ark and Association (AAA), which is alleged to be a multi-national organization whose purpose was the promotion and implementation of tax fraud schemes for United States taxpayers. The Seattle Indictment further alleges that Creasia's Forms

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1040 for the years 1998-1999 were prepared by Lynden Bridges, an accountant (or Planner) for AAA and a defendant in the Seattle case, who implemented the AAA schemes for Creasia.

A conviction for a violation of Title 26 United States Code Section 7206(1) carries a maximum penalty of 3 years, a \$ 100,000.00 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Special Agents of the Tucson Field Office of IRS Criminal Investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric J. Markovich with the U. S. Attorney's Office in the District of Arizona and Trial Attorney Krista Tongring with the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division.

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