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FORMER INS INSPECTOR AND HIS WIFE SENTENCED IN FILING FALSE TAX RETURN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on October 1, 2003, Jose A. Castillo, 48 and Rosa M. Castillo, 47, of Yuma, Arizona, were sentenced by United States District Judge Murguia, in Phoenix, Arizona. Jose Castillo received a sentence of 18 months, his wife Rosa Castillo received a sentence of five years probation.

A federal indictment charged Jose and Rosa Castillo in Count 1, with violating Title 26 of the United States Code, Section § 7206(1), for Filing a False Individual Income Tax Return for the year 1997, and in Count 2 charged Jose Castillo with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section § 1512(b)(3), for Tampering with a Witness.

Jose and Rosa Castillo had entered pleas of guilty on May 2, 2003 to filing a false income tax return.

Jose Castillo was formerly employed as an inspector by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The investigation in this case was conducted by special agents of the Criminal Investigation at the Internal Revenue Service.

The prosecution was handled by Michael Morrissey, Assistant United States Attorney, District

of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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