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CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED FOR FRAUD SCAM OF OAKTOWN RESIDENT

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSEPH M. STABILE, age 56, Ojai, California was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to Wire and Tax Fraud. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Internal Revenue Service. According to Assistant United States Attorney Sharon M. Jackson, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following STABILE'S release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, STABILE must pay restitution in the amount of 98,000 to his victim.

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STABILE was charged and convicted of operating a fraudulent company, Citadel Healthcare Enterprises, Inc. [Citadel Healthcare] and obtaining approximately \$98,000 from an Oaktown, Indiana resident as an investment in this business. STABILE represented that Citadel Healthcare operated as a medical claims processing company for health care providers and that Citadel Healthcare utilized specialized computer software that greatly enhanced the cash flow for health care providers and that an investment into Citadel Healthcare would bring about a greater return than could be obtained through traditional investments in interest bearing bank accounts. During the fraud scheme, STABILE maintained that Citadel Healthcare was a Florida business but STABILE maintained a post office box in Patoka, Indiana and an office in Princeton, Indiana. STABILE was also convicted and sentenced for aiding in the filing of false tax returns by purportedly paying salaries to his son when the son never worked for any company of STABILE's.

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