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Sentencing -- Barbara J. House

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Internal Revenue Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: Barbara J. House, 58, of Omaha, was sentenced for Subscribing to a False Tax Return. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced House to a term of 18 months imprisonment to be followed by a one-year-term of supervised release. Restitution was ordered in the sum of \$127,075.00.

Barbara House was employed by Methodist Hospital. In December 2004, Methodist discovered that House had been embezzling funds from petty cash. The embezzled funds were substantial, totaling \$451,664.00 for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Barbara House did not include the embezzled funds as income on her 2002, 2003, or 2004 federal tax returns. In doing so, she avoided an additional tax due and owing of \$127,075.00.

"The prosecution of individuals who intentionally conceal income and evade taxes is a vital element in maintaining public confidence in our tax system," stated James D. Vickery, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation. "In this case, Barbara House failed to report substantial income derived from embezzled funds and thereby evaded significant income taxes over a three year period."

Name of Defendant: Barbara J. House

AKA:

Age: 58

City of residence: Omaha, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Subscribing to a False Tax Return; maximum penalty - three years of imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both such imprisonment and fine; one year supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest:

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: From 2002 through 2004

Federal Arrest Date: n/a