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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced the unsealing of an indictment returned on April 2, 2008, by a federal grand jury sitting in Madison charging Godofredo Macapugay, 45, and Elizabeth Macapugay, 46, both of Madison, with four counts of filing false income tax returns. The indictment alleges that the defendants filed false tax returns for the years 2001 through 2004. According to the indictment, the false tax returns underreported the defendants' adjusted gross income amounts.

Both defendants appeared in federal court today and were arraigned on the indictment. Both entered not guilty pleas. U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Crocker set trial for August 25, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., before Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb. Mr. Macapugay was detained pending trial, given his status as an illegal alien. Ms. Macapugay was released pending trial.

If convicted, the defendants face a statutory maximum penalty on each count of three years in prison and \$250,000 fine.

The charges against the defendants are the result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution of

this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Graber.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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