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AUGUSTA TAX PREPARER SENTENCED
ON FEDERAL INCOME TAX EVASION CONVICTION

AUGUSTA, GA: Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that tax preparer Jose R. Cruzastol was sentenced today in U.S. District Court by United States District Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr. to 12 months imprisonment on his tax evasion conviction. On January 15, 2008, Cruzastol entered a guilty plea to one count of evading his personal income taxes.

Booth noted that testimony from a former client of Cruzastol's tax preparation business, J.R. Tax Service, was presented during the sentencing hearing. Booth stated that, in addition to 12 months imprisonment, Cruzastol will be required to pay \$57,753 in restitution. Upon his release from prison, Cruzastol will serve three years of supervised release.

Booth praised the work of Special Agent Stephanie Huebner of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, who conducted the investigation, and the efforts of Assistant United States Attorney David M. Stewart who represented the government in this prosecution.

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