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## GILBERT MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

PHOENIX – Lee B. Woodbury, 51, of Gilbert, Ariz., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Paul G. Rosenblatt, to 18 months in federal prison and is also ordered to pay restitution of \$97, 232. Woodbury pleaded guilty on August 18, 2008, to Willfully Filing a False Tax Return.

Between 1998 and 2001, Woodbury engaged in a number of income producing activities. Until contacted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, he had not filed returns for tax years 1998 through 2001. Woodbury willfully made and subscribed a 1998, 1999 and 2001 U.S. Individual Income Tax return, Form 1040, that under reported his taxable income. In total, the tax loss as a result of Woodbury's willfully filing false tax returns was \$35, 633.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the IRS, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution was handled by Kevin M. Rapp, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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