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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 9, 2009

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced the unsealing of an indictment and arrest of Erin D. Lovellette, charging Lovellette with Theft by a Credit Union Employee and Tax Evasion. The indictment was handed up by a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego on April 7, 2009. Lovellette was arrested in Boise, Idaho earlier today by agents from the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and arraigned before a U.S. magistrate judge in Boise.

According to the indictment, in May 2002, Lovellette was an employee of the Pacific Marine Credit Union, a federally insured financial institution located on Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. The indictment alleges that Lovellette abused her position of trust as a credit union employee by embezzling \$100,000 belonging to the Pacific Marine Credit Union. The indictment further alleges that Lovellette knowingly and willfully attempted to evade substantial tax due in her 2002 individual income tax return by filing a false income tax return omitting \$100,000 of income. The indictment also alleges that, beginning in

May 2002, Lovellette made structured cash deposits under \$10,000 at various banks in Southern California as to avoid the Currency Transaction Report filing requirement.

This case was investigated by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 09cr1355-JAH

Erin Diane Lovellette

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

- Count 1: Title 18, United States Code, Section 657 - Theft by Credit Union Employee
Maximum Penalties: Thirty years in prison and/or \$1,000,000 fine
- Count 2: Title 23, United States Code, Section 7201 - Attempt to evade or defeat Tax
Maximum Penalties: 5 years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine

AGENCY

Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation

An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.