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HUDSON MAN FOUND GUILTY OF EVADING TAXES

TAMPA – United States Attorney Paul I. Perez and John S. Fowler, Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, announced today that late yesterday afternoon a federal jury in Tampa found William E. Baker, Jr., of Hudson, Florida, guilty of attempting to evade his personal income taxes.

Baker was indicted in August of last year by a federal grand jury sitting in Tampa in a one-count indictment. Documents and other evidence presented at trial revealed that Baker had failed to file his personal 1040 income tax returns for tax years 1991, 1992, and 1993. The evidence further revealed that after being assessed with a tax liability by the Internal Revenue Service, Baker took one or more affirmative steps to evade the payment of the taxes. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2004.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay G. Trezevant.

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