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PINELLAS COUNTY MAN CONVICTED IN INCOME TAX EVASION SCHEME

Tampa - A jury in U.S. District Court in Tampa, Florida today found WILLIAM L. TINER, of Safety Harbor, Florida, guilty of four counts of income tax evasion and three counts of filing false income tax returns. The maximum penalty TINER faces is five years' imprisonment and a \$ 250,000 fine as to each of the tax evasion counts and three years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine as to each of the false tax return counts. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 7, 2004 before United States District Judge Richard A. Lazzara. WILLIAM L. TINER was indicted on November 5, 2002.

According to the evidence and testimony presented at the ten day trial, in 1996, TINER spent \$100,000 to purchase the AEGIS trust system promoted out of Chicago, Illinois. He then used a series of domestic and foreign trusts and foreign companies to divert and conceal corporate profits from WLT Software of Florida, Inc., his Clearwater, Florida computer software company in order to evade the payment of taxes on those profits. As a result, the evidence established, TINER failed to report in excess of \$2.5 million between 1996 and 1999 and thus evaded the payment of over \$900,000 in income taxes due and owing to the United States for those tax years.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay L. Hoffer, Deputy Chief, Special Prosecutions Section.
