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PINELLAS COUNTY MAN SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION SCHEME

Tampa - United States District Judge Richard A. Lazzara today sentenced WILLIAM TINER of Clearwater to a term of five years' imprisonment, to be followed by three years' supervised release. He also ordered TINER to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service of \$928,864 and imposed a fine of \$25,000. Judge Lazzara sentenced TINER upon his conviction of four counts of income tax evasion and three counts of filing false corporate income tax returns. TINER was found guilty of those offenses after trial on January 30, 2004.

According to the evidence and testimony presented at his trial, TINER purchased 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 of these actions, the trial evidence established, TINER failed to report in excess of \$2,500,000 in income

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