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**FORMER CEO OF NON-PROFIT HEALTH CARE CLINIC  
PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX EVASION CHARGES**

**Woman Admits She Embezzled \$90,000 from Vallejo Clinic By Using Clinic Funds for Residential Mortgage, Construction of a Pool and Home Remodeling And Then Failed to Report Her Ill-Gotten Gains on Her Taxes**

SACRAMENTO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that OSA MARIE HEALY, age 44, of Vacaville, California, entered a guilty plea to two counts of filing false tax returns which falsely omitted some \$90,000 of income which she had embezzled from a Vallejo-based health care clinic from 1999 to 2001.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Robert Tice-Raskin and Patrick Hanly, who are prosecuting the case, defendant was the CEO and a Board Member of the Redwood Family Clinic, a non-profit provider of health care services for uninsured patients in Vallejo, from February, 1999 to May, 2001. (The Clinic received funds from health care benefit programs such as Medicare, Medi-Cal and other local benefit programs). During her tenure as CEO, HEALY admitted that she wrote more than 100 unauthorized Clinic checks to herself or for her personal gain, including payments for dental care, kitchen appliances, construction of a \$15,000 pool, her home mortgage, and her residential utilities. She then filed false tax returns for the years 1999 and 2000 that failed to report all of the income she received from the Clinic.

HEALY entered her plea of guilty before Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr., United States District Court Judge. Sentencing is scheduled for September 29, 2004.

This is the second prosecution of former officers of the Clinic. On June 17, 2003, former CEO and Board Member LISA JO BAIRD, 42, of San Francisco, California, pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement from a health care benefit program and one count of filing a false tax return. BAIRD admitted that from January 1996 through December 1998, she used her position to write more than 100 unauthorized Clinic checks to herself or for her personal gain, including payments for clothing, travel, entertainment, ski vacations, a health club membership, the remodeling of her kitchen in her personal residence, overdue parking tickets, and expenses associated with an unrelated business she owned. BAIRD also admitted that she filed a false tax

return for the year 1998 that failed to report all of the income she received from the Clinic. On November 4, 2003, BAIRD was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to six months in prison in connection with her embezzlement and tax evasion scheme and ordered to pay \$187,367 in restitution to the Clinic. .

Both cases were the product of an extensive investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division.

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