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PRESS RELEASE

INDICTMENT ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE

JAMES H. FIFE, age 47, and **KAREN L. KRAHN-FIFE**, age 36, both of Munster, Indiana, have been charged with filing false federal income tax returns in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1). The indictment was returned this morning by a federal grand jury in Hammond, and announced at a press conference today.

The indictment alleges that the tax loss is approximately \$325,000. It further alleges that the defendants failed to report and correctly identify the source of income exceeding \$10,000 from criminal activity. It is alleged that the offenses involved sophisticated means.

Upon conviction, any sentence to be imposed will be pursuant to the relevant Sentencing Guideline.

This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Indiana State Police. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas L. Kirsch II, who can be reached at 219/937-5500 for any inquiries.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

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