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**Former FWISD Contractor
Charged With Tax Evasion**

United States Attorney Richard B. Roper announced that Tarrant County, Texas, resident, Jimmy D. Jenkins, was charged today in a one-count Information filed in U.S. District Court in Fort Worth, Texas, with one count of tax evasion. Jenkins is the owner of J&L Construction, which had the welding Unit Price Contract with the Fort Worth Independent School District. He is scheduled to be arraigned by Judge Bleil at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2004.

Jenkins faces a maximum statutory sentence of five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and restitution.

According to the Information filed, on approximately April 17, 2001, Jenkins, who during the calendar year 2000 was married, filed a false and fraudulent joint U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, on behalf of himself and his spouse, which stated that their joint taxable income for 2000 was \$141,981.00 and that the amount of tax due and owing was \$40,997.00. Jenkins, however, according to the Information, well knew that their joint taxable income for 2000 was \$703,496.00 upon which \$272,102.00 tax was due and owing.

U.S. Attorney Roper praised the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Postal Inspection Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ronald C.H. Eddins.

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