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Sentencing -- Elias Younes

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Internal Revenue Service announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release : Elias Younes, 52, of Kearney, Nebraska, was sentenced for subscribing to a false tax return. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Younes to a three-year-term of probation. While on probation, Younes must complete 500 hours of community service. The Court further imposed a fine of \$30,000.

Younes operates a painting business. His 1999, 2000 and 2001 tax returns contained false statements relating to gross receipts. The gross receipts were under-reported by \$256,000 resulting in a tax loss of \$102,000.

Before entering his plea of guilty to this felony, Younes settled his full debt with the Internal Revenue Service. "Each individual is responsible for the information contained on their Federal income tax returns," stated James D. Vickery, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation. "In this case, Mr. Younes admitted to knowingly filing false tax returns and paid the government substantial income tax owed, combined with interest and penalties, of approximately \$349,000."

Name of Defendant: Elias Younes

AKA:

Age: 52

City of residence: Kearney, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty) : Subscribing to a False Tax Return. Maximum penalty three years of imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime :

Location of Arrest :

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug :

Others Charged in Same Scheme :

Relevant Dates :