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FORMER ANDERSON'S ARK AND ASSOCIATES' CLIENT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TAX FRAUD

TUCSON –The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona and the United States Department of Justice, Tax Division, announced today that Scott F. Creasia, 40, of Tucson, was sentenced to 10 months incarceration by United States District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson. In addition, Creasia was ordered to serve one year of supervised release upon the completion of his term of imprisonment and ordered to pay \$331,932 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service.

In November 2006, after a week long trial, a federal jury convicted Creasia on charges of filing two false federal income tax returns for 1998 and 1999. According to the evidence presented during the trial, Creasia became associated with Lynden Bridges, a member of Anderson's Ark and Associates (AAA), in 1998 and used sham partnerships to conceal the amount of taxes he owed for 1998 and 1999 and to obtain a fraudulent refund of over \$150,00 for taxes paid for 1996 and 1997.

Creasia concealed much of the income he earned from his plumbing business by placing the business in the name of a sham limited liability company, Plumb Plumbing LLC ("Plumb"). Creasia claimed that Sawtooth, a Nevada trust, owned 75% of Plumb and that he only owned 25%. However, the partnership was a sham and Creasia maintained control over all of Plumb Plumbing's income while only reporting 25% of it to the Internal Revenue Service.

Creasia also claimed to own 95% of another sham partnership that purported to have a large net operating loss which Creasia used to fraudulently reduce his 1998 taxes and obtain a fraudulent refund of taxes paid for 1996 and 1997. In reality, the partnership lacked economic substance and had no business purpose.

Special Agents with the IRS Criminal Investigation Division conducted the investigation. Nicholas D. Dickinson and Michael C. Vasiliadis, Trial Attorneys, U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division, prosecuted the case.

Additional information about tax fraud schemes may be found on the IRS Criminal Investigation website at www.irs.gov and typing in the keyword "fraud".

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