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FORMER GLENDALE RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURN

PHOENIX – Robert N. Shearburn, Sr., 66, of Washougal, Washington, and formerly of Glendale, Ariz., was sentenced here today to 12 months imprisonment, by U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake. Shearburn had pleaded guilty on January 9, 2007, to Making and Subscribing to Materially False Tax Return.

Shearburn admitted that on April 5, 2001, he had signed and filed a tax return for the year 2000 that he knew contained materially false information. Shearburn stated that he filed the U.S. Individual Income Tax Return that falsely reported his adjusted gross income was \$58,806, his taxable income was \$28,616 and his tax due and owing was \$2,000. Shearburn admitted that when he filed the 2000 tax return, he knew that his income and tax due and owing far exceeded the amounts he declared. In fact, for tax years 1999-2001, Shearburn stated that his under-reported gross income was approximately \$830,000, with a tax due and owing of \$232,4000. Shearburn stated that he received the majority of the under-reported income during tax year 2000. Shearburn was ordered as part of his sentence to make restitution to the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid taxes in the amount of \$232,400.

On April 16, 2007, Shearburn's son, Robert L. Shearburn, Jr., 44, of Phoenix, was sentenced here to 6 months home confinement, by U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake. Shearburn, Jr., had pleaded guilty on December 20, 2006, to Failure to File a Tax Return. Shearburn, Jr., was ordered as part of his sentence to make restitution to the Internal Revenue Service for unpaid taxes in the amount of \$40,000.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by John R. Lopez IV, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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