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SACRAMENTO CHIROPRACTOR INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that a Federal Grand Jury in Sacramento returned an indictment charging Mario Alvarado, 46, of Sacramento, California, with four counts of subscribing to a false tax return. If convicted on all counts, ALVARADO faces a sentence of up to twelve years in prison and a fine of up to a \$400,000 plus the costs of prosecution.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher P. Sonderby, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that ALVARADO filed false tax returns from 1994 to 1997 that substantially underreported his income from his chiropractic clinic in Sacramento.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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