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TUCSON INSURANCE EXECUTIVE SENTENCED ON WIRE FRAUD AND TAX CHARGES

TUCSON, ARIZONA - The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that DON H. PACE of Tucson, Arizona, was sentenced yesterday to four months in prison by U.S. District Court Judge Frank R. Zapata for causing \$36,000 to be wire transferred into accounts controlled by PACE.

PACE, who is the founder of an insurance company formerly based in Tucson, was convicted December 14, 2000, of two wire fraud felony counts and one felony count of subscribing to a false income tax return following a six week trial.

PACE was chief executive of Pace American Group Inc., and vice president of American Bonding Co., a wholly owned subsidiary that issued construction surety bonds. In 1992 he ordered \$36,000, belonging to American Bonding Company, wire-transferred into his personal account. PACE later failed to report this sum on his 1992 income tax return. PACE is no longer involved with these companies.

This prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jon R. Cooper of the Tucson office of the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, and was investigated jointly by agents of IRS Criminal Investigation and the FBI.

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