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PHOENIX BUSINESSMAN INDICTED ON MULTIPLE TAX-RELATED CHARGES

PHOENIX - A federal grand jury in Phoenix returned an 11-count indictment yesterday against John D. Stacey, 36, of Mesa, Ariz., for income tax evasion, corrupt interference with the due administration of the Internal Revenue Service, and multiple counts of fraudulent use of a social security number. Stacey will receive a summons and will be arraigned on the charges at a later date.

According to the indictment, Stacey owned and operated a paving business under the names A to Z Paving, Triple A Paving, Texas Paving, Pave Your Way Construction, and A to Z Paving Engineering, LLC. Stacey did not file individual income tax returns as required by law for tax years 1995 through 2003. After being civilly audited by the Internal Revenue Service, Stacey attempted to evade the payment of his 1995-1997 tax liabilities by, among other things, concealing assets using other people's names. The indictment further alleges that Stacey tried to interfere with the IRS's assessment of his 1998 through 2003 income tax liabilities by making false statements to an IRS civil auditor and using false social security numbers to prevent the IRS from receiving accurate information about his income and assets.

If convicted, Stacey faces a maximum potential sentence of five years in federal prison for the tax evasion charge; a maximum potential sentence of three years in prison for the corrupt endeavor charge; and a maximum potential sentence of five years in prison for each fraudulent use of a social security number charge. Additionally, Stacey faces a fine of \$250,000 for each charged count.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution is being handled by Peter Sexton, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix; and Department of Justice Tax Attorneys, Monica Edelstein and Ellen Quattrucci.

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