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PHOENIX MAN SENTENCED FOR IMPERSONATING AN IRS AGENT

PHOENIX – Marco A. Ibarra, 53, of Phoenix, was sentenced here today by Judge Susan R. Bolton to two years probation and was ordered to perform 50 hours of community service for Impersonation of an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agent. The Judge also ordered Ibarra to pay \$64 in restitution.

In pleading guilty in March 2008, Ibarra admitted that on August 9, 2006, he pretended to be a representative of the IRS and demanded and received money while doing so. In the course of his scheme, Ibarra went to the Buckeye, Ariz. home of a couple who use the home as their place of business as well as their residence. While at the home, Ibarra suggested that the couple may have problems with their business' accounting procedures and that they should attend a dinner where IRS agents would be present to explain new tax rules and procedures.

After talking for some time, the couple gave Ibarra \$64 for two tickets to the dinner. Ibarra later admitted that he knew during that meeting that no dinner or presentation had been scheduled or arranged by, or for, the IRS. As Ibarra left their home, the couple copied down his license plate number, called the IRS and explained what had happened.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Inspector General for Tax Administration. The prosecution of this matter was handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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