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EAST VALLEY PHYSICIAN SENTENCED TO 51 MONTHS IN PRISON ON TAX AND FRAUD CHARGES

PHOENIX - Carlin Grant Bartschi, M.D., 60, of Gilbert, Ariz., was sentenced here today by U.S. District Court Judge Roslyn O. Silver to 51 months in prison and a fine of \$7,500. Judge Silver also ordered Bartschi to cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the payment of over \$570,000 in taxes, interest and penalties owed to the government as a result of Bartschi's criminal conduct. Bartschi was found guilty by a federal jury on June 24, 2008, of 18 felony counts relating to Attempted Evasion of Assessment and Payment of Tax, Submission of Fictitious Obligations, and Mail Fraud.

The evidence during the 4-day trial showed that Bartschi attempted to evade the assessment and calculation of federal income tax owed by him and his wife for tax years 1999 through 2002. He also attempted to evade the payment of federal income tax, interest and penalties for tax years 1993, 1995 through 1997, and 2000 through 2003. In addition, the evidence showed that Bartschi had created and presented five different fictitious financial obligations for payment of federal tax assessments. The fictitious obligations were prepared to appear as if they were drawn upon a nonexistent account at the U.S. Department of Treasury. In submitting the fictitious obligations to the IRS and the District Court, Bartschi was found to have used the U.S. Mail in attempting to execute a scheme to defraud. During the period of 1995 through 2003, Bartschi was employed as an independent contractor and emergency room physician for hospitals in Globe and Phoenix, Ariz., and regularly earned well over \$100,000 per year.

After the guilty verdicts, Bartschi was permitted to remain on pretrial release pending today's sentencing. After sentencing, Bartschi was ordered by Judge Silver to self-surrender to the U.S. Marshals Service in Phoenix on Friday, October 31, 2008.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation. The prosecution was handled by Peter Sexton and Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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