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VALLEY INTERNATIONAL BUSINESSMAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN

PHOENIX - Thomas Rikki Farr, 66, of Scottsdale, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge G. Murray Snow to 18 months in federal prison for Willfully Filing a False Income Tax Return. Farr will also be placed on one year of supervised release upon his release from federal custody.

When Farr pleaded guilty in June 2008, he acknowledged that on his 2004 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return he reported \$3,820 for total income when in fact he had received \$743,346 in additional commission income from his association with Zylux Acoustic, Hong Kong, China. Farr also admitted that he knew he was required to disclose this income on his 2004 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, but he knowingly and intentionally omitted it. Farr also acknowledged that during 2005, he received \$385,356.58 in additional commission income from his association with Zylux Acoustic which should have been reported on his 2005 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

The investigation in this case was conducted by Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The prosecution was being handled by Frank T. Galati, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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