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EAST VALLEY OWNER OF CHECK-CASHING BUSINESS SENTENCED

PHOENIX - Jamil Hanna Abdallah, 48, a U.S. citizen residing in Chandler, Ariz., was sentenced on Monday, December 22, 2008 by U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton to a term of probation of five years for Willfully Making and Subscribing a Materially False Tax Return. Abdallah was also fined \$10,000.

When Abdallah pleaded guilty in August 2008, he admitted to cashing checks out of his Tempe laundromat business, known as Supermat 16, and to charging service fees to his customers. In the 2004 calendar year alone he cashed over \$30,000,000 in payroll and other third party checks. He further admitted to under reporting income from the check-cashing service fees between 1999 and 2004, and to underpaying his federal income taxes by more than \$200,000 over that span of time.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution was handled by Gary M. Restaino, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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