

The United States Attorney's Office

## Southern District of Florida

### Press Release

#### MONROE COUNTY CPA SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT ON TAX CHARGES

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##### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and Michael E. Yasofsky, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, announced today that defendant **Orlando Benjamin Roche, Jr.**, 57, of Marathon, Florida, was sentenced on September 4, 2008. Roche previously pled guilty to a two-count Information charging him with failing to pay Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and withholding taxes and failing to file individual income tax returns, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Sections 7202 and 7203.

Roche was sentenced to eighteen(18) months as to count one and twelve(12) months as to count two of the Information each to run concurrent to each other for a total sentence of 18 month. In addition, Roche relinquished his CPA license and paid \$100,000 towards his total federal tax liability prior to the sentencing. Roche will also file amended tax returns and cooperate with the IRS in its determination, assessment, and collection of income taxes relating to the years 2001 through 2004.

Mr. Acosta commended the efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joan Silverstein.

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