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**SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT ADDS TAX FRAUD CHARGES AGAINST DEA
SPECIAL AGENT ALREADY INDICTED FOR
EMBEZZLING SEIZED DRUG MONEY**

Atlanta, GA - A federal grand jury in Atlanta today has issued a superseding indictment adding two tax fraud charges to the pending embezzlement and money laundering case against GREGORY CAMPION, 44, of Orlando, Florida, a DEA Special Agent, based in Atlanta at the time of the crimes.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said of today's superseding indictment, "Gregory Campion is now charged not only with stealing cash in his position as a DEA Special Agent, but also with failing to report to the IRS more than \$200,000 in cash income from his alleged corrupt scheme. We will not tolerate fraud and corruption in any form by a federal law enforcement officer."

IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent In Charge Rebecca A. Sparkman said, "When someone does not pay their fair share of their tax obligation they not only cheat the federal government, they cheat all law-abiding citizens who do pay their taxes. We are committed to aggressively pursue those who commit tax crimes regardless of the source of the unreported income."

A federal grand jury first returned an indictment against CAMPION on March 1, 2006. That indictment charged that on seven occasions in 2004 and 2005, CAMPION, who was then a Special Agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration assigned to the Atlanta Airport Task Force, stole cash from the secure storage vault maintained by the Task Force. These funds had been seized by law enforcement agents as currency involved in federal narcotics offenses and were subject to forfeiture to the United States. CAMPION is also charged with money laundering for allegedly engaging in two transactions in excess of \$10,000 with the proceeds of these thefts, relating to the purchase of real estate in Orlando, Florida. The United States seeks forfeiture of that real estate. Today's superseding indictment does not alter these charges. CAMPION, who now lives in Florida, has been suspended without pay from his position at the DEA.

The superseding indictment adds two new charges that CAMPION failed to report substantial cash income on his federal income tax returns for 2003 and 2004. Specifically, CAMPION is alleged to have omitted approximately \$13,000 in cash income he received in 2003 and approximately \$200,000 in cash income he received in 2004. The tax charges carry a maximum term of 3 years in federal prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 on each of the two counts. CAMPION also faces a maximum term of 10 years in federal prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000 on each of the 16 embezzlement and money laundering counts.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment only contains charges. The defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

This case is being investigated by Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General, and the Special Agents of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Professional Responsibility.

Assistant United States Attorneys Justin S. Anand and Phyllis B. Sumner are prosecuting the case.

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