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**SACRAMENTO CHIROPRACTOR SENTENCED TO 21 MONTHS IN  
PRISON FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS THAT FAILED  
TO REPORT OVER \$360,000 IN INCOME**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced that MARIO ALVARADO, 46, of Sacramento, California, was sentenced today to 21 months in prison by U.S. District Court Judge William B. Shubb for filing false tax returns from 1994 to 1997. The returns failed to report approximately \$360,000 of income ALVARADO received from his Sacramento business, Alvarado Chiropractic Center. In October 2001, ALVARADO pled guilty to filing a false tax return for the tax year 1997. As part of a plea agreement with the government, ALVARADO has agreed to cooperate with the IRS and pay all the back taxes owed from his unreported income during those years.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher P. Sonderby, who prosecuted the case, ALVARADO was a licensed chiropractor who practiced in Sacramento, California under the name Mario Alvarado, D.C. during the 1990's. ALVARADO filed a false Form 1040 tax return for the year 1997 which reported his gross business receipts as approximately \$39,000, when his actual income for that year was \$226,000. ALVARADO failed to report \$38,000 in checks he received from personal injury lawyers that he had simply cashed and nearly \$185,000 that had been deposited into his business' bank account. For sentencing purposes, Judge Shubb also found that ALVARADO failed to report nearly \$200,000 of income for tax years 1994 through 1996.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations.

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