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AUGUSTA BUSINESSMAN FOUND GUILTY
OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX EVASION

AUGUSTA: Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that **RAMON AGUIRRE**, of Augusta, was found guilty today by a jury sitting in U.S. District Court in Augusta on all four counts of federal income tax evasion in which he was charged. U.S. District Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr. presided over the four day trial.

Booth noted that Aguirre faces a maximum statutory penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on each count. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled. Aguirre remains on bond pending his sentencing.

The evidence at trial established that Aguirre owned Rabel General Services, an Augusta business which repaired automobiles and prepared taxes under the names J.R. Cruz Tax Service and New Era Tax Service. Aguirre concealed his income from Rabel General Services by making most of his personal expenditures from the corporate bank accounts. As part of his scheme, Aguirre filed a joint income tax return with his wife for 2001 which did not report his income from the business. In addition, for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004, he failed to file his personal income tax return.

Booth praised the efforts of Special Agent Stephanie Huebner of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, who conducted the investigation, and Assistant United

States Attorneys David Stewart and Nancy Greenwood, who represented the United States at trial.

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