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FORMER PHOENIX BUSINESSMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING A FALSE TAX RETURN

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's office for the District of Arizona announced today that BRIAN W. BISHOP of Lighthouse Point, Florida, pleaded guilty before U. S. District Court Judge James A. Teilborg to count 2 of a superseding criminal indictment charging him with filing a false 1994 federal corporate income tax return. BISHOP is a Canadian citizen and legal resident of the United States who formerly resided in Tempe, Arizona.

According to the plea agreement, in 1994, BISHOP was the president of Landmark Forwarding Companies, Inc. and Corporate Offices of Brian W. Bishop, Inc., two Arizona corporations. On November 16, 1994, Jinro, a Washington state corporation, executed a joint venture agreement with Landmark, and subsequently made four wire transfers totaling \$8.8 million to Landmark. Landmark then transferred \$7.2 million of the \$8.8 million to Corporate Offices of Brian W. BISHOP, Inc., Bishop's wholly owned corporation. Through the end of 1994, \$3.2 million of the \$7.2 million was transferred by Corporate Offices of Brian W. Bishop to other parties. Bishop knew that the remaining \$4 million should have been declared on the 1994 federal corporate tax return of Corporate Offices of Brian W. Bishop. On April 17, 1995, Bishop willfully signed and filed a 1994 tax return for Corporate Offices of Brian W. Bishop which he knew was not correct in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

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BISHOP faces a maximum sentence of three years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both when sentenced on September 24, 2001.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Phoenix Field office of IRS Criminal Investigation and the FBI, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark Aspey Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Arizona .

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