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FORMER IRS MANAGER PLEADS GUILTY TO MISCONDUCT

Mac Cauley, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, and Greg Rutter, Special Agent in Charge, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, announced today that Larry Runyan, age 50, a former IRS employee who previously served as a Group Manager of the IRS Examination Division in Ocala, Florida, from 1993 through 1997, pled guilty today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary R. Jones to official misconduct in the exercise of his official position by causing the oppression of a person under the color of law in connection with the improper income tax audits of Jon and Theresa Hoff of Ocala, Florida, and a related company known as JCH Enterprises, Inc. Runyan pled guilty to Count One of an Indictment that charged that in 1997 Runyan used his official position to willfully oppress Jon and Theresa Hoff by unlawfully initiating an income tax audit on the Hoff's and their real estate business and filing false internal IRS records to accomplish this fraudulent income tax audit.

Runyan, who currently resides in Marietta, Georgia, was indicted by a federal grand jury on May 23, 2001, for official misconduct in the performance of his official duties and filing false IRS records. During his appearance before the U.S. District Court today,

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Runyan entered a plea of guilty to Count One of the Indictment. Runyan faces a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment; \$250,000 in criminal fines; or both the imprisonment and the fines. This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney William Mackie.