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**ALBUQUERQUE BUSINESSWOMAN PLEADS GUILTY
TO FAILURE TO FILE FEDERAL TAX RETURN**

ALBUQUERQUE – **Delilah S. Haller**, 56, of Albuquerque, entered a guilty plea to the misdemeanor offense of willfully failing to file a tax return in federal court this morning. At sentencing, Haller faces up to a year in prison and a \$100,000 fine. Haller remains on conditions of release pending her sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Haller was charged in a three-count indictment that was filed on March 22, 2011 and charged her with willfully failing to file tax returns for tax years 2005, 2006 and 2007. At the time of the misdemeanor offenses charged in the indictment, Haller did business as Rosewood Equities, LLC, and also was employed by Michael Craig Celenze, who also entered a guilty plea to a tax offense this morning.

During this morning's hearing, Haller pleaded guilty to Count 3 of the indictment, charging her with willful failure to file a tax return for tax year 2007, under a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office. In entering her guilty plea, Haller acknowledged that in 2007, she earned more than \$19,600 in income and was thus required to file a federal income tax return for that year. Haller admitted that she nevertheless willfully failed to file a return as required.

As required by the terms of the plea agreement, Haller already has filed tax returns for the three years charged in the indictment, as well as for tax year 2004. The plea agreement further requires that Haller file tax returns for tax years 2008 through 2011 before she is sentenced.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sasha Siemel.

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