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ARIZONAN INDICTED ON THREE COUNTS OF FILING FALSE FEDERAL TAX RETURNS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced today that DONALD W. PULLIN, of Scottsdale, Arizona, was indicted March 13, 2002, on three counts of filing false federal individual income tax returns, Forms 1040PC, for the tax years 1996, 1997, and 1998, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

According to the Indictment, PULLIN filed a Form 1040PC for each of these three years whereby he falsified the wages and withholding figures that resulted in large refunds being sought, as follows:

- For 1996, PULLIN prepared a false Form 1040PC reporting wages of over \$60,000, a withholding amount of nearly \$29,000, and a refund due of almost \$20,000. PULLIN's correct wages for that year were approximately \$15,500, his federal tax withheld was approximately \$1,800, and he was not entitled to the refund claimed.
- For 1997, PULLIN prepared a false Form 1040PC reporting wages of over \$131,000, federal tax withheld of over \$50,000, and a refund due of over

\$32,000. PULLIN's correct wages for that year were approximately \$34,000, his federal tax withheld was approximately \$4,600, and he was not entitled to the refund claimed.

- For 1998, PULLIN prepared a false Form 1040PC reporting wages of nearly \$140,000, federal tax withheld of over \$62,500, and a refund due of over \$41,000. PULLIN's correct wages for that year were approximately \$41,500, his federal tax withheld was approximately \$6,600, and he was not entitled to the refund claimed.

The maximum penalty for filing a false federal income tax return, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1), is a fine of \$250,000, imprisonment of three years, or both, on each count.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity, and an individual's guilt is established only upon conviction.

This case is being investigated by special agents of the Phoenix Field Office of IRS Criminal Investigation, and the prosecution is being handled by Brett A. Sagel, Trial Attorney, with the Department of Justice Tax Division, through the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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