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SCOTTSDALE MAN CHARGED WITH WRONGFUL USE OF IRS SEAL

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on April 25, 2002, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a one count indictment against DONALD C. DYER, DOB 1/15/35, of Scottsdale, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that DYER used a letter on or about March 4, 2002, which had been falsely prepared to appear as though it was issued by the Internal Revenue Service in Ogden, Utah. The letter, which contained the seal of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), purportedly confirmed that the IRS had placed a temporary hold on DYER's funds at Wells Fargo Bank Arizona, N.A., based on earnings on deposits with a German bank, according to the indictment. The indictment further alleged that DYER knew the letter was a counterfeit and the seal of the IRS had been affixed to the letter with the intent to defraud. DYER, who had been arrested on April 3, 2002, was issued a notice to appear to answer the charge.

The federal indictment charges DYER with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1017, Government Seals Wrongfully Used.

A conviction for this offense carries a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both.

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An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration.

The prosecution is being handled by Daniel R. Drake, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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