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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 25, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jayme A. Gonzalez, owner and operator of La Coqueta Intima, a clothing store near the International Border in San Ysidro, California, pled guilty in federal court in San Diego to failing to report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) income he received from his business operation. Gonzalez entered his guilty plea before U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony Battaglia, admitting to filing a false income tax return for 2000, subject to final acceptance of the plea by United States District Court Judge Barry T. Moskowitz, at the time of sentencing.

According to court documents, between 1998 to 2002 Gonzalez owned and operated La Coqueta Intima, located on East San Ysidro Boulevard, San Ysidro, California. During this time period, the defendant knowingly and willfully failed to report to the IRS hundreds of thousands of dollars in business and personal income and instead substantially and materially under-reported that income in individual federal income tax returns signed and filed under the penalty of perjury. According to the plea agreement, Gonzalez agreed that he will be sentenced based on the total amount of tax loss for the years 1998 through 2002 caused by his

concealment and that he furthered agreed to make restitution to the IRS for the entire amount. Thus, according to the plea agreement, from 1998 through 2002, Gonzalez admitted to failing to pay approximately \$118,838 in additional tax for the business and personal income he concealed from the IRS for the years 1998 through 2002.

Gonzalez is scheduled to be sentenced on August 31, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. before United States District Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 07cr1313BTM

Jayme A. Gonzalez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Filing False Income Tax Returns in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1)
Maximum penalty is three years in prison and fine not to exceed \$250,000

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