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FORMER DEKALB MAN INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLING \$44,246.44

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and PETER McCONNERY Special Agent in Charge of the Treasury Department's Chicago Field Division Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration, today made the following announcement:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today indicted **ROBERT A. KUZLIK**, 40, formerly of DeKalb, Illinois, for 8 counts of mail fraud resulting from a scheme between December 1999 and September 2000, to embezzle funds from a client in his operation of RAK Enterprises, Inc., doing business as Executive Tax and Business Services, with offices in DeKalb, Illinois.

The indictment alleges that Kuzlik, an officer and majority owner of RAK Enterprises, Inc. ("RAK"), caused a client to use the U.S. Postal Service to mail checks to RAK. The checks represented funds withheld by the client from its employees' wages, and employment taxes owed by the client. According to the indictment, Kuzlik had promised to deposit the checks into a bank trust account for delivery to the IRS. The indictment further alleges that instead of depositing the client's checks into a bank trust account for payment to the IRS, Kuzlik deposited thirteen of the checks into RAK's bank account, thereby embezzling approximately \$44,246.44 from the client.

If convicted of the crimes charged in the indictment, Kuzlik faces up to five years of imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 for each of the eight charges.

The arraignment has been set for Monday, April 4, 2005 at 11:15 a.m. before Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney in the federal courthouse in Rockford. The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Treasury Department's Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration, with assistance from the DeKalb Police Department. It will be prosecuted in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorney MICHAEL D. LOVE.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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