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**FORMER ROCKFORD RESIDENT SENTENCED  
TO 11 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR BANKRUPTCY FRAUD**

Rockford — A former Rockford, Ill. man was sentenced today in federal court to 11 months in federal prison on his conviction for bankruptcy fraud. Jorge Pina, 44, of Eagle Pass, Texas, previously pled guilty to the charges on April 10, 2012, admitting he made a false statement in a document he signed under penalty of perjury in his 2009 bankruptcy case filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court in Rockford.

In his written plea agreement, Pina admitted that he filed a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Petition in October 2009, including Schedules of Assets and Liabilities, and Statement of Financial Affairs. On Schedule A of his bankruptcy schedules, Pina intentionally omitted his ownership interest in real property located in Eagle Pass, Texas. Pina admitted he signed his Schedules of Assets and Liabilities under penalty of perjury, knowing Schedule A was false. Pina had all equity interest of approximately \$43,000 in the Texas property.

Today's sentencing hearing was conducted by United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala. In addition to the 11 month federal prison sentence, Judge Kapala also ordered Pina to serve two years of supervised release following his release from prison, and to pay a fine of \$2,000.

The sentencing was announced today by Gary S. Shapiro, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael D. Love.

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