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**MANALAPAN, NEW JERSEY RESTAURANT OWNER SENTENCED TO PRISON
FOR FALSE BUSINESS AND PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURNS**

TRENTON, N.J. – The owner of a Manalapan, N.J., restaurant was sentenced today to nine months in prison and three months of home confinement for subscribing to false business and personal federal tax returns, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Michael Logan, 45, of Jackson, N.J., previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Anne E. Thompson to all nine counts of an Indictment charging him with making and subscribing to false federal tax returns: five counts relating to 2004 through 2007 tax returns filed for Logan's business, the restaurant Michael's Cucina Italia, and four counts relating to personal tax returns filed by Logan. Judge Thompson also imposed the sentence today in Trenton federal court.

At his plea hearing, Logan admitted that he was the owner and operator of ITI, Inc. d/b/a Michael's Cucina Italia, and that he underreported his gross receipts and sales: on his 2004, 2005 and 2006 corporate income tax returns; his 2007 corporate income tax return and partnership income tax return; and his 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 personal income tax returns.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Thompson also ordered Logan to pay \$158,245 in restitution.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited IRS – Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Victor W. Lessoff, with the investigation.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Davenport of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Trenton and Tino Lisella of the Justice Department's Tax Division.

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Defense counsel: Frank Agostino Esq., and Michael Mattaliano Esq., Hackensack, N.J.