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FORMER OWNER OF VIRGINIA PHYSICAL THERAPY BUSINESSES SENTENCED FOR FAILING TO PAY EMPLOYMENT TAXES

WASHINGTON – Tony Thanh Ngo, 41, of Houston, was sentenced Friday to 18 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for failing to pay employment taxes to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Justice Department announced. Ngo was also ordered to pay \$304,604.28 in restitution.

In a statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, from 2003 to 2007, Ngo owned and operated the Center for Physical Therapy and Wellness and Core Physical Therapy, two physical therapy businesses in Northern Virginia. Ngo admitted to failing to account for and pay over to the IRS in excess of \$300,000 in employment taxes due in connection with the wages paid to employees of his physical therapy businesses. Over \$200,000 of this amount was withheld from his employees' pay, but not paid over to the IRS as required. Rather than paying the employment taxes due and owing, Ngo admitted to using available funds for personal mortgage payments, golf club memberships, and travel. Ngo also admitted to filing false quarterly employment tax returns for Core Physical Therapy and a false individual income tax return for himself and his spouse.

Kathryn Keneally, Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Tax Division commended the efforts of special agents of IRS - Criminal Investigation, who investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Nathanson of the Eastern District of Virginia and Tax Division Trial Attorney Todd A. Ellinwood, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

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