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**FORMER OWNER AND FORMER BOOKKEEPER OF SPRINGFIELD COMPANY INDICTED ON
INCOME TAX VIOLATIONS**

DAYTON, OHIO -- A federal grand jury here has indicted Tannile Ortiz, 38, of Galloway, Ohio and Paul Olzeski, 67, of Independence, Kentucky charging them with one count each of conspiracy to impede and obstruct the lawful functions of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). In addition, Ortiz was charged with three counts of filing a false income tax return with the IRS.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office announced the indictment.

According to the indictment, Paul Olzeski held an ownership interest in Spencer and Associates, LLC, (hereinafter "S&A"), which was located in Springfield, Ohio, an entity that provided insurance related services. Olzeski arranged for Tannile Ortiz to work as the bookkeeper and manage the company's payroll.

Olzeski and Ortiz conspired to impede and obstruct the lawful functions of the IRS relative to the computation, assessment, and collection of income taxes. The conspiracy occurred between 2008 and June 2010, according to the indictment.

It has been alleged that Olzeski and Ortiz diverted S&A business funds for their own personal use. In particular, Olzeski and Ortiz improperly submitted requests to S&A seeking money for their personal, non-business related expenditures, including, but not limited to, the purchases of jewelry, craft supplies, groceries, meals, personal training time, and gymnastic classes for Ortiz's children. Ortiz allegedly caused S&A to approve the personal expenditure requests and to issue the payments for the personal expenditures.

Additionally, Ortiz allegedly provided Olzeski and another individual with blank checks from S&A and authorized them to use those blank checks for their own personal benefit. Also, Ortiz diverted S&A funds to bank accounts under her control and proceeded to use this money for her own personal benefit.

It has been alleged that through these activities, Olzeski and Ortiz each individually earned hundreds of thousands of dollars in personal income which they failed to report to the IRS.

In approximately June 2010, Ortiz instructed individuals to destroy business records of S&A, according to the indictment.

In addition, the indictment alleges that Ortiz filed false income tax returns with the IRS for the 2008-2010 income tax years, in which she falsely stated the total amount of income she earned in those income tax years. Ortiz allegedly underreported the total income she received in the 2008-2010 income tax years by the amount of income she received from her use of the S&A funds to pay for her personal expenses.

Conspiracy to impede and obstruct the lawful functions of the IRS carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, and the willful filing of a false income tax return with the IRS carries a maximum penalty of 3 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

"Honest and law abiding citizens are fed up with the likes of those who use deceit and fraud to line their pockets with other people's money as well as skirt their tax obligations," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brent Tabacchi and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

An indictment merely contains allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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