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FORMER OWNER OF SPRINGFIELD COMPANY SENTENCED ON INCOME TAX VIOLATION

DAYTON, OHIO -- Paul Olzeski, 68, of Independence, Kentucky was sentenced today in U.S. District Court on one count of conspiring to impede and obstruct the lawful functions of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Olzeski pleaded guilty to the aforementioned charge on August 3, 2015.

Benjamin C. Glassman, 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 sentencing handed down by Senior U.S. District Judge Walter H. Rice.

Olzeski was sentenced to 60 days in prison, three years of supervised release, of which six months will be served in home confinement, ordered to pay a fine of \$5,000, and was ordered to pay \$156,239 in restitution to the IRS.

Also, on May 13, 2016 Tannile Ortiz, 38, of Galloway, Ohio was sentenced to three years of probation, of which four months were to be served in home confinement, was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, and was ordered to pay \$77,508.61 in restitution to the IRS on one count of conspiring to impede and obstruct the lawful functions of the IRS. Ortiz pleaded guilty to the aforementioned charge on August 20, 2015.

According to court documents, between 2009 and 2010, in Clark County, Ohio, Olzeski and Ortiz helped each other conceal from the IRS reportable income that they had earned.

Olzeski jointly owned several related businesses, collectively referred to as S&A, that operated in Springfield, Ohio. Ortiz worked for S&A, managing its bank accounts and handling its bookkeeping.

Beginning in 2009, Olzeski and Ortiz began submitting their personal non-business related expenses for payment from S&A's bank account. Ortiz, with Olzeski's consent, routinely used S&A funds to pay for their non-business expenditures, including family meals, groceries, and child care. In paying for their own personal expenses with S&A funds, Olzeski and Ortiz each earned thousands of dollars in taxable income that they knowingly failed to report to the IRS during 2009 and 2010.

"Tax fraud is not a victimless crime," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. "We all pay when others swindle the government. The IRS and the U.S. Attorney's Office remain determined and vigilant in ferreting out such schemes to cheat the honest taxpayers."

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

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