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GALT RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

OAKLAND, Calif. – Linda Lee Kreiter pleaded guilty in federal court in Oakland Monday to filing false tax returns, United States Attorney Melinda Haag and Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Scott O’Briant announced.

In pleading guilty, Kreiter admitted to filing false tax returns for the tax years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 by failing to report cash income she had obtained while working as a business manager at the Oakland Downtown Auto Center. Kreiter admitted to deliberately failing to report \$142,967.92 in cash income, representing a total tax loss of \$56,022.

Kreiter, 54, of Galt, Calif., was charged by information on Dec. 15, 2011. She was charged with four counts of filing false tax returns in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1).

The sentencing of Kreiter is scheduled for April 24, 2012, before United States District Court Judge Claudia Wilken in Oakland. The maximum statutory penalty for each count in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(1) is three years of in prison and a fine of \$100,000, plus restitution. However, any sentence following conviction would be imposed by the court after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence, 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

Wade M. Rhyne is the Assistant U.S. Attorney who is prosecuting the case with the assistance of Janice Pagsanjan. The prosecution is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

Further Information:

Case #: CR-11-00931 CW

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Judges' calendars with schedules for upcoming court hearings can be viewed on the court's website at www.cand.uscourts.gov.

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