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**RIO VISTA RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IN PRISON
FOR TAX EVASION
ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION OF MORE THAN \$1 MILLION**

SAN JOSE, California – Beverly Harville was sentenced this week to 30 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,034,334.03, United States Attorney Melinda Haag and Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Scott O’Briant announced.

Harville, 50, formerly of Ben Lomond and now of Rio Vista, was charged on March 15, 2011, with five counts of tax evasion. She pleaded guilty on March 22, 2011 to all counts.

According to the plea agreement, Harville worked as a payroll specialist/contract administrator at a company for twenty-one years. As a trusted long time employee, she had unfettered access to the business bank accounts of the company and a sister company. Harville also had access to the personal bank accounts of the owners of the companies. In 2004, Harville began embezzling funds from the business accounts of both companies and the personal accounts of the owners. She continued to embezzle from those accounts for five years, using a variety of schemes to facilitate and conceal her embezzlement; to wit, Harville took money from the companies’ bank accounts and then entered false vendor payments into the accounts payable system to account for the money she stole; Harville manipulated the companies’ payroll systems in order to steal fellow employees’ vacation accruals, which she would then convert to cash; Harville stole blank personal checks that she would account for as voids in the check registers, filling out the checks to herself and cashing them. Harville used a system of multiple offset register entries to disguise the embezzlement when taking money from the personal accounts of the owners.

For the tax years 2004 through 2008, Harville embezzled \$783,924.03, which she did not report as taxable income. This resulted in additional tax due of \$250,410. Harville agreed to restitution of \$1,034,334.03 (\$783,924.03 to the victims and \$250,410 to the IRS).

Thomas Moore is the Assistant U.S. Attorney who is prosecuting this case with the assistance of Kathy Tat. The prosecution is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

Further Information:

Case #: CR 11-0136 DLJ

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