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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA DAYCARE OWNER INDICTED FOR FAILURE TO PAY TAXES AND FILING A FALSE INCOME TAX RETURN

Fort Myers, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced today the return of an indictment charging Sheri S. Glastonbury (age 46, Lake Suzy, Florida) with 17 counts of failing to pay payroll taxes and one count of filing a false tax return. Glastonbury faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison.

According to the indictment, Glastonbury failed to send the withheld employment taxes collected from her employees at Laurel Oaks Academy, a daycare in Lake Suzy, to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Glastonbury was required to send these tax payments on a quarterly basis and had failed to do so since 2003. Additionally, in 2007, Glastonbury submitted a false income tax return, related to tax year 2006, requesting a refund of \$15,798. Glastonbury knew the return was false, and that she was not entitled to a refund, because she had failed to send the IRS her withheld employment taxes.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jesus M. Casas.