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PRESS RELEASE NIBLEY RESIDENT ARRESTED AFTER GRAND JURY INDICTMENT CHARGES HIM WITH IMPEDING IRS

SALT LAKE CITY -- Stephen J. Sorenson, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Utah, and Terry K. Peacock, Special Agent in Charge of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), Denver Field Office, announced Monday that David J. D'Addabbo, age 51, of Nibley, Utah, was arrested Sunday by TIGTA special agents assisted by special agents and officers of the FBI and the Cache County Sheriff's Department.

D'Addabbo was indicted March 15, 2006, by a federal grand jury in Salt Lake City, Utah, on one count of impeding and impairing the IRS.

D'Addabbo had an initial appearance in federal court Monday and was detained pending a detention hearing Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sam Alba. The charge carries a potential maximum penalty of up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

According to the indictment, which was unsealed Monday, D'Addabbo is alleged to have made statements on two occasions threatening IRS employees. The indictment alleges that in September 2005, D'Addabbo filed a petition with the United States Tax Court which warned, among other things, that if an IRS employee persisted in his efforts

to collect taxes he would be "tried by a jury and your penalty will be sought for it to be death by firing squad." In October of 2005, the indictment alleges that D'Addabbo filed a second petition with the United States Tax Court that purported to order the IRS to return all money collected from Linda Lou D'Addabbo and to stop all liens and levies. This order, the indictment alleges, warned that if it was not compiled with, anyone attempting to collect taxes would be tried by "a jury of common people. You then could be found guilty of treason and taken immediately to a firing squad."

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents with the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney D. Loren Washburn.

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