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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia announced that Ali R. Rabi, age 60, from Springfield, Virginia, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III for filing a false 1996 federal income tax return. Rabi was sentenced to 6 months in prison, followed by 6 months of community confinement, and ordered to pay \$76,632.69 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service.

Mr. Rabi, Chancellor of the International University of Iran, was indicted in April 2003 for filing false income tax returns and making false statements to the federal government regarding the Davis Bacon Wage Act. At the time of his indictment, Rabi was residing and working in Iran. He had previously owned a business in Alexandria, Virginia, known as Fairfax Fire and Sprinkler, Inc. The false return charge arose from Rabi's failure to report business income earned in that business. Rabi was arrested by Defense Criminal Investigative Service Special Agents on July 24, 2005, when he attempted to return to the United States through Dulles Airport.

In a plea agreement with the US Attorney's Office in Alexandria, Virginia, Rabi pled guilty to one count of filing false income tax returns and agreed to file amended tax returns for unreported income for the years 1995 through 1999.

The case was investigated by agents of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Inspector General; Defense Criminal Investigative Service; and the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas H. McQuillan and Trial Attorney Beth M. Elfrey of the Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

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