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Santa Fe Contractor Indicted for Attempted Tax Evasion

Santa Fe, N.M. – A Santa Fe contractor has been indicted for attempting to evade paying \$17,000 in taxes. The indictment follows an investigation by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department.

Isaac M. Perea, 38, was charged with 21 counts of Willful Attempts to Evade or Defeat Tax, all felonies. Perea faces a maximum sentence of 31.5 years imprisonment and a \$105,000 fine.

“If you try to cheat the hardworking people of New Mexico, you will be caught and punished,” said John Monforte, Acting Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. “This indictment will send a message to those who would break the law – you won’t get away with it.”

Perea was indicted by a Santa Fe County Grand Jury in the 1st Judicial District of New Mexico. Perea is accused of failing to pay over \$17,000 in Gross Receipts Tax between July 1, 2012 and March 31, 2015.

This case was investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and is being prosecuted by the Office of the First Judicial District Attorney. The Tax Fraud Investigations Division investigates suspected tax fraud, both business and personal, and coordinates with local, state, and federal law enforcement. The Tax Fraud Investigations Division boasts a 98% successful

prosecution rate with 23 prosecutions since 2011. To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789 or e-mail tax.fraud@state.nm.us.

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