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BOE Investigators Secure Guilty Plea in Million Dollar Tax Evasion Case

Sacramento -- The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) said today that Orange County restaurant owner, Alireza Jalalipour, pleaded guilty to six-counts of sales tax evasion on December 17, 2013.

Jalalipour owns several fast food restaurants throughout Orange County. The case against him started with a routine sales and use tax audit in 2010. The BOE auditor found that a large amount of tax due to the state was not remitted to the BOE. Jalalipour avoided paying more than \$1.3 million dollars in sales tax during a six-year period.

The case was referred to BOE investigators, who obtained search warrants to gather evidence of the true liability owed by Jalalipour's businesses. They found he failed to pay the State of California \$1,397,699 in sales tax collected between April 1, 2004 and March 31, 2010, and he was charged and prosecuted accordingly.

Jalalipour paid \$2,484,907 million in restitution prior to sentencing. The plea agreement requires that he also pay \$10,200 in fines, and serve three years' probation.

The California Attorney General's Office Special Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$52.5 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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