



The United States Department of Justice

District of Montana

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KARIS BLANK SENTENCED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Bill Mercer, United States Attorney for the District of Montana, announced today Billings, on May 19, 2008, before Chief U.S.

District Judge Richard F. Cebull, KARIS BLANK, a 42-year-old resident of Laurel, BLANK was sentenced to a term of:

- Prison: 12 months and 1 day
- Special Assessment: \$600
- Restitution: \$37,462.66
- Supervised Release: 3 years

BLANK was sentenced after having been found guilty during a 4-day trial of Because there is no parole in the federal system, the "truth in sentencing" BLANKI likely serve all of the time imposed by the court. In

BLANK does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Leif M. Johnson prosecuted the case for the United States.

The investigation was conducted by the Office of the Inspector General of the United States Postal Service.