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SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL TAX VIOLATIONS

Bill of Information Alleges Failure to File Income Tax Returns

SHREVEPORT, La.: GORDON N. BLACKMAN, JR., a Shreveport attorney, was charged today with failing to file his federal income tax returns, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today. BLACKMAN, 50, was named in a bill of information filed today which alleges three counts of failing to file income tax returns for calendar years 2002, 2003, and 2004. Arraignment in U.S. District Court is scheduled for September 15, 2008.

The bill of information alleges that BLACKMAN had received gross income of \$168,950 during calendar year 2002, gross income of \$129,760 in calendar year 2003, and gross income of \$189,877 in calendar year 2004, but willfully failed to file a federal income tax return for any of these three years. If convicted, BLACKMAN faces a maximum penalty on each count of one year in prison, a \$100,000 fine, or both.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Shreveport Office, and is being prosecuted by First Assistant United States Attorney Bill Flanagan.

A bill of information is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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