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**EVENT: Guilty Verdict**

**Defendant: Yousef Safiedine**

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**Dearborn Gas Station Owner Found Guilty of Filing False Tax Returns**

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Yousef Safiedine, 60, of Farmington Hills, was found guilty of three counts of filing a false tax return, signed under penalties of perjury, by United States District Court Judge Denise Page Hood after a five day bench trial, announced United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy.

United States Attorney Murphy was joined in the announcement by Maurice Aouate, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

According to court records, during 1999 through 2001, Safiedine owned a gas station in Dearborn, Michigan, which he leased to a family member. He received monthly payments from either JLJ Enterprises, Inc. or MTK Family Investments and reported only a portion of the rental income, \$134,000 per year, on his tax returns. Over the three year period, Safiedine knowingly failed to include over \$160,000 in income on his tax returns.

U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Like voting and jury service, the voluntary payment of taxes is a duty of all American citizens. Taxes are the costs we pay for our ordered democracy, and those who intentionally avoid paying taxes or cheat the system will be aggressively prosecuted."

"The law is clear that people must report all their income and pay their taxes," said Aouate. "IRS Criminal Investigation will vigorously investigate those individuals who knowingly and willfully file false tax returns to evade their tax obligation."

Filing a false tax return, signed under penalties of perjury, carries a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment and a \$100,000 fine.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 21, 2008 at 2:30 pm. .

United States Attorney Murphy thanked the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation for their investigation of the case. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Richard L. Delonis.