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FORMER OWNER OF CASBAH RESTAURANT RECEIVES PRISON TERM FOR EVADING INCOME TAXES

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Sabi Atteyih, 44, Madison, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb for income tax evasion. Atteyih received a sentence of 12 months plus one day in prison, to be followed by a three-year term of supervised release.

On January 2, 2008, Atteyih pleaded guilty to evading his income taxes for 2002. At today's hearing, the government noted that Atteyih owned and operated the Casbah Restaurant in Madison. Judge Crabb found that Atteyih underreported his taxable income from the restaurant for the years 2002 through 2005 in the amount of \$349,673, and evaded income taxes totaling \$128,938.

The charges against Atteyih were the result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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