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**EVENT: Guilty Plea**

**Defendant: Marshal Stillman**

**WEST BLOOMFIELD MAN RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO STRUCTURING  
CASH TRANSACTION TO AVOID REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO IRS**

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A 68-year-old West Bloomfield resident pleaded guilty today to structuring cash transactions to avoid reporting requirements under federal law, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Robert Grasso, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Maurice Aouate, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

Pleading guilty before U.S. District Judge Marianne Battani was Marshal Stillman. The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that Marshal Stillman deposited United States currency into a Detroit area bank account on four occasions in amounts just under \$10,000, totaling \$35,000 and did so to avoid the federally mandated reporting requirements to the IRS for amounts in excess of \$10,000.

Under the terms of his plea agreement, Stillman faces sentencing guidelines of 8 to 14 months in prison. The sentencing will be April 30, 2008.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Federal law prohibits structuring deposits to avoid the requirement to report any transactions over \$10,000. We take such violations seriously and will prosecute whenever the facts warrant it."

"Knowingly structuring cash transaction will draw the attention of the IRS," said Aouate.

"We will follow the money and make sure violators are prosecuted to the full extent of the law."

The investigation of this case was conducted by agents of the Drug Enforcement Agency and IRS Criminal Investigation.