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MAN SENTENCED FOR EVADING TAXES

TAMPA – Federal authorities announced today that William E. Baker, Jr., of Hudson, Florida, was sentenced in federal court in Tampa for attempting to evade his personal income taxes, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201. He was sentenced to a prison term of twenty-seven months, to be followed by three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay restitution of \$73,935.00 to the Internal Revenue Service.

Baker was indicted in August of last year by a federal grand jury in a one-count indictment. Baker was found guilty of the offense at trial on January 21, 2004 by a federal jury in Tampa. Documents and other evidence presented at trial revealed that Baker had failed to file his personal 1040 income tax returns for tax years 1991, 1992, and 1993. The evidence further revealed that after being assessed with a tax liability by the Internal Revenue Service, Baker took one or more affirmative steps to evade the payment of the taxes.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay G. Trezevant.