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JURY CONVICTS DENTIST FOR TAX EVASION

(Sherman, Texas) A Flower Mound dentist has been found guilty of tax evasion after a week-long trial in federal court. **ROBERT E. NOLEN**, 46, who operated a dental practice in Flower Mound called Anesthesia Associated for Dentistry, was found guilty by a jury late Friday, on three counts of income tax evasion. Nolen was charged with tax evasion for calendar years 1997 through 1999.

Prosecutors introduced evidence establishing that from 1995 through 1999, Nolen had taxable income totaling over \$770,000, and that, as a result, he owed a total of approximately \$314,000 in income tax for that time period. Prosecutors alleged that Nolen attempted to evade the taxes on his income by not filing tax returns for those years, and by concealing his income in bank accounts that appeared to be controlled by a third party, when the accounts were in fact controlled by Nolen. The jury made a special finding that Nolen's scheme involved sophisticated means.

Nolen was immediately taken into custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service. Nolen faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count. A sentencing date has not been set.

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Matthew D. Orwig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas was pleased with the verdict, "The defendant has operated under the assumption that he does not have to abide by the same laws governing taxes that you and I must. The jury has decided he was wrong"

The IRS investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Andy Williams and Terri Hagan prosecuted the case.

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