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BLUE EYE, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL TAX CHARGES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Eye, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to charges of federal tax evasion.

Mark E. Welytok, 52, of Blue Eye, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this afternoon to federal tax evasion.

By pleading guilty, **Welytok** admitted that he attempted to evade the payments of \$7,165 in income tax due in 1996, \$14,131 in income tax due in 1997, and \$15,633 in income tax due in 1998.

Welytok further admitted that he attempted to conceal from the Internal Revenue Service the nature and extent of his receipts from work as an architect, by placing funds in the names of Heritage Architecture Trust and nominee trustees, by failing to file a timely personal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service, and by making false statements to agents of the Internal Revenue Service.

Welytok was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 10, 2003, in Springfield.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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