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FORMER EAST ST. LOUIS POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on December 19, 2005, **KELVIN ELLIS**, age 56, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was sentenced before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, to twenty-one (21) months' imprisonment, three (3) years' supervised release, and a \$3,000 fine.

KELVIN ELLIS pled guilty on August 26, 2005, to Count One of an indictment which charged Tax Evasion, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

According to a Stipulation of Facts filed at the time of the guilty plea, **ELLIS** was employed as the Director of Regulatory Affairs for the City of East St. Louis, Illinois. While employed by the City of East St. Louis, **ELLIS** also worked as an independent consultant, advising local businesses in the area of public grants. During the years 2001, 2002, and 2003, **ELLIS** had other sources of income as well. For the tax year 2001, **ELLIS** filed a United States Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, with the Internal Revenue Service wherein he failed to report income from his consulting work, along with other income. For the tax years 2002 and 2003, **ELLIS** failed to file United States Individual Income Tax Returns, Forms 1040, with the Internal Revenue Service, even though he earned income during those years from the City of East St. Louis, his consulting work, and other sources. **ELLIS** acknowledged that for the years 2001, 2002, and 2003 he knowingly and willfully failed to report all of his income to the Internal Revenue Service in order to evade United States tax filing requirements.

The successful prosecution was a result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the United States Postal Inspection Service, Criminal Investigations, and the Illinois State Police. The case was handled by Hal Goldsmith, Assistant United States Attorney.