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KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO INCOME TAX EVASION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Basehor, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to income tax evasion.

Mark A. Fronce, 41, of Basehor, Kan., waived his right to a grand jury indictment and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to a federal information that charges him with one count of tax evasion.

By pleading guilty, **Fronce** admitted that he had taxable income of approximately \$565,806 in 1997 and should have paid \$235,486 in taxes. Instead, Graves said, **Fronce** did not file a tax return, and attempted to conceal his true income by diverting his income to “trust” bank accounts that were used for his benefit.

As a result of today’s guilty plea, **Fronce** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$100,000. **Fronce’s** sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation.

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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