



Urbandale Tailor Imprisoned for Tax Evasion

DES MOINES - Joseph Kim, age 51, of Urbandale, Iowa, was sentenced today in federal court for tax evasion, announced United States Attorney Matthew G. Whitaker. United States District Court Judge James E. Gritzner sentenced Kim to a term of five months imprisonment and five months of home confinement. Judge Gritzner further sentenced Kim to two years of supervised release following completion of his sentence of imprisonment and home confinement.

On January 17, 2007, Kim plead guilty to Count 2 of a previously filed United States Attorney's Information which charged Kim with four counts of income tax evasion for the calendar years 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003. Joseph Kim is the sole shareholder of Kim's Tailor, Inc., which is located at Valley West Mall. In imposing the sentence, the Court accepted the total tax deficiency to be \$51,295.00.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa. This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. "Mr. Kim admitted that he paid purely personal expenses from Kim's Tailor, Inc.'s business account and altered these checks so they appeared as ordinary business expenses", stated James D. Vickery, Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation. "Mr. Kim attempted to conceal from the government his true tax liability. Tax evasion is not a victimless crime. Honest hardworking Americans pay the price when others choose to evade their tax obligations."