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## **Dumfries Man Sentenced for Failure to File Income Tax Returns**

(Alexandria, Virginia) – Anthony G. Lee, 42, of Dumfries, Virginia, was sentenced today to seven months in prison, three months of home detention, and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000, for willfully failing to file timely income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service in 2003, 2004, and 2005. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after Lee's sentencing before United States Magistrate Judge Liam O'Grady. Lee pled guilty to the charges in October 2006.

According to court documents, Lee was an independent contractor for Marriott International ("Marriott") who performed construction consulting services for the hotel chain. In 2003, Lee formed WWC, LLC ("WWC"), a Nevada limited liability company, and instructed Marriott to make payments to him through that business entity. After depositing checks made out to WWC into a bank account he controlled, Lee used the funds in the account to pay for his personal expenses. Although Lee received \$356,000 in compensation for work performed from 2003 through 2005, he failed to file income tax returns reporting that income, resulting in a loss to the government of \$76,853.50. Lee was also ordered to make restitution to the government of that entire amount.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. Assistant United States Attorney Timothy D. Belevetz and Trial Attorney Jill M. Cassara, Tax Division, U.S. Department of Justice, prosecuted the case for the United States.