

# The United States Attorney's Office

## Middle District of Louisiana

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17 May 2007 **Edwards Sentencing**

### LOUISIANA RESIDENT SENTENCED ON CHARGES OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS ON TAX RETURN

BATON ROUGE, LA – United States Attorney David R. Dugas announced that FELICIA EDWARDS, age 46, of Ethel, Louisiana, was sentenced in federal court today by U.S. District Court Judge Frank J. Polozola on a charge of making false statements on her income tax return. EDWARDS pled guilty to the charge on October 25, 2006, and was sentenced today to a term of imprisonment of fifteen months, one year of supervised release, \$128,681.25 in restitution to the United States, and a \$10,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The IRS Criminal Investigation's New Orleans Field Office Special Agent-in-Charge, Rodney E. Clarke, stated, "In the case at hand the taxpayer willfully filed false individual tax returns. She omitted substantial gross receipts from a company owned by her and her husband. This resulted in the sentenced handed down today. The identification, investigation and vigorous prosecution of individuals who willfully file false tax returns is essential to maintaining the public's confidence in our tax system."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard L. Bourgeois, Jr.

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