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NAUGATUCK MAN WHO FAILED TO REPORT MORE THAN \$100,000 IN INCOME ON FEDERAL TAX RETURN IS SENTENCED

Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that GURDEV S. KAURA, 55, of Naugatuck, was sentenced today by Chief United States District Judge Robert N. Chatigny in Hartford to three years of probation, the first six months of which KAURA must spend confined to his home. KAURA also must perform 150 hours of community service during her term of probation. On January 22, 2008, KAURA waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty to one count of willfully signing and filing a false tax return.

According to documents filed with the Court, during 2005, KAURA owned and operated *Kaura LLC*, doing business as *Fairfield Wine and Liquor, LLC*, a liquor store located in Waterbury, Connecticut. KAURA also was employed as a maintenance worker for *Pratt and Whitney* in East Hartford where he received W-2 wages.

On March 22, 2006, KAURA signed and filed a false federal tax return. In the return, KAURA falsely represented that his total taxable income was \$8,136 when, in fact, his total taxable income was \$123,812, the difference resulting primarily from his willful failure to report approximately \$117,330 of proceeds from his liquor business. This resulted in a tax loss of \$32,955 to the Internal Revenue Service.

As part of the resolution of this matter, KAURA has agreed to forfeit \$87,431 and pay an additional \$67,249 in monies due and owing on the tax return, which includes approximately \$33,000 of outstanding interest and civil penalties.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Christopher W. Schmeisser.

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