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Former MED Employee Sentenced to Five Years

Memphis, TN - Cassandra J. Stanfield, a former employee at the Regional Medical Center Memphis, has been sentenced by U.S. District Judge Jon P. McCalla to serve 60 months in prison, followed by 6 years of supervised release announced David Kustoff, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee. Stanfield was also ordered to pay restitution of \$2.8 million.

Stanfield entered a guilty plea to embezzling monies from the medical center and income tax evasion on September 24, 2007. As part of her plea agreement Stanfield agreed to forfeit her interest in all property derived from her criminal conduct and to pay restitution to all identifiable victims who suffered losses as a result of her criminal conduct.

In pleading guilty to income tax evasion Stanfield acknowledged that for calendar year 2004 she did not file a tax return despite the fact that she received taxable income in the approximate amount of \$968,523.20 on which she owed approximately \$317,051.12 in taxes.

The indictment which was returned in December 2006 alleged that Stanfield embezzled funds while employed in the Med's Patient Financial Services Department as "lead cashier" during 2002 through 2005.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation-Memphis Division, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Carroll André represented the government.

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