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D'ANGELO SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Robert D'Angelo, 63, Madison, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 12 months plus one day for mail fraud and filing a false income tax return. Judge Crabb ordered D'Angelo to serve a supervised release term of two years following his prison term. She also ordered that he pay a fine of \$4,000. D'Angelo will report to federal prison on May 23, 2008.

On October 10, 2007, a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned a 39-count indictment against D'Angelo. The indictment charged D'Angelo with fifteen counts of mail fraud, fifteen counts of wire fraud, four counts of filing false federal income tax returns, four counts of money laundering, and one count of asset forfeiture. The mail and wire fraud counts alleged that D'Angelo defrauded the City of Madison by operating two side businesses from his City office, using City resources including his office computer, office employees, office supplies and equipment, and office storage facilities. The indictment also alleged that D'Angelo filed false income tax returns for the years 2001 through 2004.

On January 31, 2008, D'Angelo entered guilty pleas to a mail fraud count and a false tax return count. D'Angelo admitted that he used city resources to operate his used book business and consulting business.

At today's hearing, D'Angelo told the judge he was sorry. He apologized to his employees at the Overture Center, and asked that he alone should be held accountable for his actions. In imposing sentence, Judge Crabb noted that D'Angelo was not a bad person, and that he had done a lot of good things for this community. However, she told D'Angelo that he breached the trust of the community and committed crimes against the city of Madison and the Internal Revenue Service, and he had to be held accountable for those acts.

The charges against D'Angelo were the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department, the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

U.S. Attorney Erik C. Peterson commended the efforts of the law enforcement agencies that were involved in this investigation by saying, "This partnership between local and federal law enforcement agencies made it possible to investigate and prosecute this public corruption case in a swift, effective and efficient manner."

The prosecution of the case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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