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FORMER DUBOIS COUNTY COUPLE CHARGED WITH INCOME TAX EVASION

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced an Indictment against CHRISTOPHER G. SORRELL, 45 and LISA J. SORRELL, 43, former residents of Dubois County Indiana, was unsealed during a hearing in District Court. At the time of the indictment on January 21, 2009, the SORRELLS were residing in the country of Belize. They were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis, Indiana, for three counts of income tax evasion following a lengthy investigation by the Internal Revenue Service.

The indictment alleges that during the calendar years 2002, 2003, and 2004, CHRISTOPHER and LISA SORRELL, husband and wife, had a principal place of business located in Dubois County, Indiana. The indictment alleges CHRISTOPHER and LISA SORRELL received taxable income totaling approximately \$1,412,596 for the years, 2002, 2003, and 2004, that they filed no federal income tax returns for these years, and that they paid no federal income taxes for these years. The indictment further alleges that CHRISTOPHER and LISA SORRELL took steps to conceal their income in order to willfully evade payment of their income taxes.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, CHRISTOPHER G. SORRELL and LISA J. SORRELL face a maximum possible prison sentence of five years and a maximum possible fine of \$100,000 for each count. The SORRELLS were ordered released on conditions after posting a property bond.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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