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INMATE CHARGED WITH OBSTRUCTING INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Thursday, February 19, 2009 - Marquette, Michigan – James Deven Harris, age 40, currently a resident of Michigan's Florence Crane Correctional Facility in Coldwater, Michigan, was indicted by a federal grand jury for endeavoring to obstruct or impede the due administration of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced today.

The Indictment alleges that Harris filed a number of false IRS 1099 Forms in which he claimed to have made payments totaling \$12,000,000 to a person, when, in fact, he had not made such payments. Harris faces a maximum penalty of 3 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000, if convicted.

The charges in the pending indictment are only allegations of criminal conduct, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until his guilt is established in court by proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case is being prosecuted on behalf of the government by Assistant U.S. Attorney Maarten Vermaat.

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