

January 22, 2009 CHESHIRE WOMAN WHO FAILED TO PAY TAXES ON EMBEZZLED INCOME IS SENTENCED

Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that RENEE MARTIN, 34, of Mountain Road, Cheshire, was sentenced yesterday, January 21, by Senior United States District Judge Peter C. Dorsey in New Haven to three years of probation for failing to pay taxes on income that she embezzled from her employer. Judge Dorsey also ordered MARTIN to perform 75 hours of community service during her term of probation.

On November 6, 2007, a federal grand jury in New Haven returned an Indictment charging MARTIN with three counts of signing and filing false federal income tax returns for tax years 2001 through 2003. According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, MARTIN failed to report a total of approximately \$600,000 in income that she had embezzled from her employer, *Accurate Wire, Inc.* of Branford, during that time period. On September 26, 2008, MARTIN pleaded guilty to one count of filing a false federal income tax return for the 2003 tax year.

In imposing the sentence, Judge Dorsey noted that MARTIN had already served a 33-month state term of imprisonment for the embezzlement.

In addition to restitution that MARTIN has been ordered to pay her former employer, she also must pay to the Internal Revenue Service back taxes, penalties and interest in the approximate amount of \$122,000.

This matter was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael E. Runowicz.

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