



The United States Attorney's Office

## Eastern District of Louisiana

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### Press Releases

#### **FORMER NOBRA PRESIDENT SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT**

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CLIFFORD E. CLAYTON**, age 64, a resident of Arabi, Louisiana former President of NOBRA (New Orleans Baton Rouge Pilots Association) and current river boat pilot, was sentenced today in federal court by U. S. District Judge Carl Barbier to eighteen (18) months imprisonment for failure to file tax returns, announced U. S. Attorney Jim Letten.

In addition to the term of imprisonment, Judge Barbier imposed restitution in the amount of approximately \$608,000 which represents the federal tax liability for the years charged in the bill of information. Further, the defendant was ordered to pay a lump sum payment of \$75,000 toward the restitution within 30 days. Additionally, the defendant was ordered to serve one year of supervised release following the term of imprisonment during which time he will be under federal supervision and risks an additional term of imprisonment should she violate any terms of her supervised release.

Michael J. De Palma, Special Agent in Charge of Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation stated:

"We are pleased with today's sentence. All Americans have a duty to file their tax returns and pay their fair share of taxes. Special Agents of IRS Criminal Investigation work tirelessly to protect the public's confidence in our tax system. We will continue to work with the United States Attorney's Office to prosecute individuals who want to reap the benefits of being a citizen without honoring their responsibilities."

This investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Fred P. Harper, Jr.