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SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO CRIMINAL TAX VIOLATION

Blackman Admits to Failure to File Income Tax Return

SHREVEPORT, La.: GORDON N. BLACKMAN, JR., a Shreveport attorney, pleaded guilty to failure to file a federal income tax return, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today. BLACKMAN, 50, who was charged in a Bill of Information filed in September, admitted to failing to file an income tax return for calendar year 2004. The plea was entered in United States District Court in Shreveport before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Hornsby. Sentencing is scheduled for May 11, 2009, at 10 a.m..

The Bill of Information charged Blackman with failing to file federal income tax returns for 2002, 2003 and 2004. After reaching a plea agreement with the Government, BLACKMAN entered a guilty plea to failing to file his 2004 return. BLACKMAN had a gross income of \$189,877 in 2004. BLACKMAN faces a maximum penalty of one year in prison, a \$100,000 fine, or both. He will also be required to pay all tax liability owed to the United States as determined by the sentencing judge.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Shreveport Office, and is being prosecuted by First Assistant United States Attorney Bill Flanagan.

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