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PECK MAN CONVICTED ON TAX EVASION CHARGES

WICHITA , Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Ivan G. Carney**, 54, Peck, was found guilty Sept. 30 following a three-day jury trial. Carney was convicted on two counts of tax evasion.

According to trial testimony, Carney, a self-employed chiropractor, willfully failed to file a tax return and concealed \$48,347.73 in income during 1997 in an effort to avoid paying income taxes of \$11,884.07. Testimony also showed that in 1998 Carney willfully failed to file a tax return and concealed \$146,489 in income in an effort to avoid paying \$59,277.23 in taxes.

Carney is scheduled for sentencing Dec.13. He faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

Melgren commended the work of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger, who prosecuted the case.