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RICHLAND BUSINESSMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX VIOLATION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Richland, Mo., business owner pleaded guilty in federal court today to failing to truthfully account for and pay over federal employment taxes he collected from his employees.

Kenneth David Goff, 46, of Richland, waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to a federal information.

Goff conducted business as DCM Construction Consulting, Inc., in Richland, where he prepared business and personal income tax returns and provided payroll services for clients. By pleading guilty, **Goff** admitted that during the fourth quarter of the year 1998 he deducted and collected from the total taxable wages of his employees federal income taxes and Federal Insurance Contributions Act taxes totaling \$31,081. **Goff** admitted that he failed to truthfully account for and pay over to Internal Revenue Service the federal income taxes withheld and Federal Insurance Contributions Act taxes due and owing to the government.

Goff also admitted that he prepared false federal employment tax returns for his corporation, knowing that the returns were not true and correct. **Goff** reported false wage and tax amounts on eight of the DCM quarterly employment tax returns, Graves said, resulting in a total tax loss of \$97,056.

Under federal statutes, **Goff** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000, as well as restitution to the Internal Revenue Service for any taxes due and owing. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations.

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