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## **FORMER JEFFERSON CITY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING FRAUDULENT INCOME TAX RETURNS**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Jefferson City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to filing fraudulent income tax returns.

**Sam G. Hall**, 69, of St. Genevieve, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning.

**Hall**, who is retired, owned and operated a newspaper route business during the time frame of the violations. Hall Distributing Company distributed the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and the *Jefferson City News Tribune* from 1988 through 1998.

By pleading guilty, **Hall** admitted that he filed a fraudulent federal income tax return for the year 1997. In the return, **Hall** listed his taxable income as being \$4,297, and failed to include additional gross income receipts in the amount of approximately \$104,420. The failure to report the additional income receipts resulted in additional taxable income of approximately \$59,063.

**Hall** also admitted that he failed to include similar additional income in his 1994, 1995 and 1996 tax returns in the amounts of \$60,360, \$66,506 and \$65,522, respectively.

The total amount of tax loss for the four-year period was approximately \$82,051, Graves said.

**Hall** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 10, 2003, in Jefferson City.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Hall** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to three years in federal prison without parole, plus a \$250,000 fine. 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.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division.

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