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CASS COUNTY COUPLE SENTENCED FOR TAX FRAUD

(Marshall, Texas) A Cass County, Texas couple have been sentenced to more than a year in federal prison for filing a fraudulent tax return. U.S. District Judge T. John Ward sentenced **BOSIE A. KENNEDY**, 50, and **JULIE A. KENNEDY**, 44, to 15 months in prison after each pleaded guilty last year to Making and Subscribing a False Tax Return.

According to information prosecutors presented in court, the Kennedys operated a business in the mid-90's in which they cut and hauled timber. In 1996 they reported a business net income of \$18,755.99 on their joint tax return, Form 1040. In fact, with gross receipts of more than a million dollars from their business, the Kennedys had unreported gross receipts of at least \$473,579.15 for calendar year 1996, and a significantly higher net income figure should have been reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Matthew D. Orwig praised the work of the IRS Criminal Investigation, the investigative arm of the IRS, for their pursuit of this case, "The defendants purposely misled the IRS and significantly under-reported their income. Their actions were designed to defraud the government and cheat the American

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taxpayer. We will continue to vigorously enforce the laws and ensure compliance with the tax code."

The Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation is investigating the case.
Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Jackson is prosecuting the case.

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