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BUSINESS OWNER SENTENCED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURN

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., business owner was sentenced in federal court today for filing a false tax return.

Johnny D. Walker, 56, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to one year and one day in federal prison without parole. **Walker** owns She-A-Ro Contracting, a commercial and residential lawn care, construction, and roofing company.

On Sept. 12, 2003, **Walker** pleaded guilty to filing a false income tax return for the 2001 calendar year. By pleading guilty, **Walker** admitted that he reported gross receipts of \$298,634 for the tax year ending Dec. 31, 2001, when his true gross receipts were approximately \$359,669. **Walker** also admitted that he overstated his rent expense by \$6,000 during 2001. **Walker's** actions, Graves said, resulted in an unreported income tax of \$23,261 and an unreported self-employment tax of \$14,719.

Walker was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on May 6, 2003.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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