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## **Couple Plead Guilty to Tax Evasion**

(Norfolk) - Louis T. Faison, Jr., age 61 and Veta B. Faison, age 58, both of Norfolk, pled guilty today to Evasion of Income Tax. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; and Charles R. Pine, Special Agent in Charge, Criminal Investigative Division, Internal Revenue Service, made the announcement after the guilty plea in United States District Court. Sentencing is scheduled before Senior United States District Judge Robert G. Doumar, on July 30, 2007. At sentencing Lewis and Veta Faison each face a potential penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and restitution.

According to court documents, the Faisons were employed by the City of Virginia Beach School System. During the years 1998 through 2004, they earned approximately \$750,000 in joint gross income. During this same period, the Faisons evaded taxes by filing false and inflated W-2 forms to prevent the withholding of federal tax. The Faisons admitted that no federal tax was paid on this gross income, and when contacted by the Internal Revenue Service, the Faisons submitted joint tax returns showing zero income. These various false returns were submitted with tax protester literature. The federal tax loss for the years 1998 through 2004 is alleged to be over \$124,000.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigative Division, Internal Revenue Service. Supervisory Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Seidel, Jr. is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

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