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RONALD BRODMERKLE SENTENCED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Bill Mercer, United States Attorney for the District of Montana, announced today that during a federal court session in Missoula, on September 24, 2007, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch, RONALD BRODMERKLE, a 58-year-old resident of Noxon, appeared for sentencing. BRODMERKLE was sentenced to a term of:

- Probation: 3 years, with 6 months home detention
- Special Assessment: \$25
- Restitution: \$15,611.24

BRODMERKLE was sentenced after having been found guilty during a 3-day trial of one count of failure to file tax returns.

Because there is no parole in the federal system, the "truth in sentencing" guidelines mandate that BRODMERKLE will likely serve all of the time imposed by the court. In the federal system, BRODMERKLE does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for "good behavior." However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Lahr prosecuted the case for the United States.

The investigation was conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.