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## **PLEASANT HILL MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX EVASION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – John F. Wood, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Pleasant Hill, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to tax evasion.

**Terry L. Gerber**, 47, of Pleasant Hill, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to the charge contained in a Nov. 28, 2006, federal indictment.

**Gerber** admitted that he willfully attempted to evade the income tax due for taxable income received during 2001 by failing to file an income tax return in 2002, and by utilizing domestic and foreign trusts to conceal and disguise income and assets. The government contends that **Gerber** received taxable income of approximately \$334,465 in 2001, for which he owed an income tax of approximately \$135,784 (including self-employment tax).

The government contends that the total tax loss for the years 1999-2001 is \$207,340, which **Gerber** reserves the right to contest. The government also contends that there was an undetermined amount of tax loss for the years 1992 through 1998, and 2002 through 2005, when **Gerber** also did not file tax returns and did not pay income taxes.

Under federal statutes, **Gerber** could be subject to a sentence of up to five years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Parker Marshall. It was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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