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LOCAL MAN SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

MONTGOMERY, Ala.— Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, announced that on January 31, 2007, Charles Wayne Willard, Sr., age 54, of Alexander City, Alabama, was sentenced to 24 months in prison for tax evasion, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7201.

United States District Judge Myron H. Thompson also sentenced Willard to pay a \$25,000 fine and serve a supervised release term of three years following his release from imprisonment. Restitution was not ordered because Willard had already paid the taxes owed. Judge Thompson ordered Willard—who is currently free on a \$25,000 unsecured bond—to report to prison on March 20, 2007.

Willard pled guilty to a felony information on September 18, 2006. According to the information and other court documents, Willard filed a joint tax return for calendar year 2002 which he knew to be false and fraudulent. In particular, the return stated that the Willards' joint taxable income was \$38,436.00, when their true income was \$1,284,153.64, resulting in an underpayment of taxes of approximately \$460,000.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew O. Schiff.

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