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FORMER I-R-S EMPLOYEE FOUND GUILTY BY JURY **FOR FAILURE TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS**

Atlanta, GA - SHERRY JACKSON, 45, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, was found guilty this afternoon by a federal jury on multiple charges relating to her failure to file income tax returns in violation of federal law.

United States Attorney David Nahmias said, "The jury took less than 25 minutes to find this former IRS Revenue Agent guilty. This case is a reminder that all of us, even those who used to work with the IRS and know the rules well, have to submit our tax returns and pay the taxes due."

Acting IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent In Charge Rodney E. Clarke said, "Sherry Jackson at one time was entrusted with upholding and protecting the IRS laws when she served as a Revenue Agent. Today's verdict indicates that she knew exactly what she was doing when she stopped filing her own individual income tax returns. While taxpayers such as Ms. Jackson have the right to contest their tax liabilities in the courts, taxpayers do not have the right to violate and disobey tax laws. The law establishing the requirement to file tax returns is crystal clear and today's conviction upholds that law."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the charges and the evidence at trial: Starting in 2000, JACKSON, a former Revenue Agent with the IRS, willfully and intentionally did not file her own individual tax returns. At that time, she also operated a tax preparation business and continued to prepare, submit and file individual tax returns for her clients. For the next three years, JACKSON intentionally did not file her tax returns, despite an income of over \$400,000 in that time period. According to testimony at trial, JACKSON said she did not file the returns because she said she did not know what the term "individual" meant in tax laws. The evidence showed that JACKSON in fact knew her legal duty to file with the IRS and intentionally chose to disregard the law.

Sentencing for JACKSON is expected to be some time in January 2008 before United States District Judge Orinda Evans. An exact date has not yet been set by the court.

This case is being investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Richard M. Langway is prosecuting the case.

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