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CHATTANOOGA MAN INDICTED ON FILING FALSE INCOME TAX RETURNS

[Chattanooga, TN]– Christopher Kidwell, 59, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Chattanooga on four counts of filing a false tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Kidwell was arrested on April 10, 2008. He was released on an own recognizance bond. His trial is set for June 16, 2008 before Judge Curtis L. Collier in the United States District Court at Chattanooga.

According to the indictment, Kidwell filed false income tax returns with the IRS for 2002 through 2004 and then also filed a false amended income tax return for 2004. The indictment claims that Kidwell's returns omitted over \$420,000 in income during those years.

Kidwell faces a maximum penalty of 12 years in prison and a fine of \$1 million if convicted on all counts.

This investigation was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until their guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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