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### **WICHITA MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR IMPERSONATING IRS AGENT**

WICHITA, KAN. – **Thomas C. Ekstrum**, 54, Wichita, has been sentenced to 2 years in federal prison for impersonating an agent of the Internal Revenue Service, Acting U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker announced today.

In October, Eckstrum pleaded guilty. In his plea, he admitted that on May 15, 2008, he went to the office of CCH, Inc., at 9111 E. Douglas, Kan., and claimed he was an IRS agent. Acting at the request of co-defendant Herb Leeper, Eckstrum demanded CCH employees turn over tax records belonging to Leeper. His purpose was to prevent the IRS from obtaining the records.

Leeper is scheduled for trial Feb. 17, 2009.

Parker commended the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch for their work on the case.

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