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### **ALBION MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX CHARGE IN FEDERAL COURT**

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A. Courtney Cox, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on February 19, 2009, **MORRIS J. NEAD**, age 40, attorney at law for his own law firm, located in Albion, in Edwards County, Illinois, pled guilty before the U.S. District Court in Benton to the criminal tax charge of making and subscribing a false 2003 federal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service. **NEAD** admitted, as part of the plea, that he filed false income tax returns for 2003, 2004, and 2005. During those three years, **NEAD** failed to report income of approximately \$204,531.00.

**NEAD** faces a maximum term of imprisonment of three years, a fine of \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of one year, with restitution to the Internal Revenue Service. The sentencing is set for May 18, 2009, 10:00 a.m., before the U.S. District Court in Benton.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Norman Smith and Liam Coonan.

If you suspect or know of an individual or company that is not complying with the tax laws, you may report this activity to the local Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation office or by mailing the information to: Internal Revenue Service, Fresno, CA, 93888.