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FORMER AUSTIN POLICE OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL TAX CHARGE

United States Attorney Robert Pitman announced that in Austin, Randall Keith Ballard faces up to three years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine after pleading guilty to one count of making and submitting a false income tax return.

Appearing before United States Magistrate Judge Dennis Green yesterday, the former Austin Police officer admitted that on his 2010 Federal Income Tax Return, he failed to declare approximately \$114,000 in income generated from an off-duty private security job. According to an Information filed in this case, Ballard made a false declaration on his return that his total income was \$40,562.00 when in fact, he knew it to be approximately \$155,289.00. Information presented in open court during the yesterday's hearing revealed that Ballard admitted that he did not pay taxes on any of this extra income nor did he work all of the hours he was paid for to provide private security.

A sentencing date has yet to be scheduled.

This case was investigated by special agents with the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, the Texas Attorney General's Office and the Austin Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Gregg Sofer is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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