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## **VACAVILLE ARCHITECT SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED TAX EVASION**

SACRAMENTO– United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced that today United States District Judge Morrison C. England Jr. sentenced THOMAS ALLAN BOUFFARD, 49, of Vacaville to five months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, and restitution to the IRS of \$63,706. BOUFFARD pleaded guilty to attempted tax evasion on July 16, 2009.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Samantha S. Spangler, who prosecuted the case, BOUFFARD was audited in 2005 by the IRS, and discrepancies in his 2002 return led the IRS to expand the audit to his 2003 return. BOUFFARD initially claimed that he relied on his tax preparer to properly calculate his tax, but later admitted that he had not supplied the tax preparer with all the appropriate information. As a result, BOUFFARD underpaid in tax years 2002 and 2003 a total amount of \$63,706.

In imposing the sentence, the judge said that it was important to consider the statutory sentencing factor of deterrence for someone who acts as though he were a pillar of the community but does not pay his taxes.

BOUFFARD's prison sentence is delayed until May 21, 2010, to allow him to pay the restitution owed.

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