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ANKENY RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURN

DES MOINES, IA – On July 21, 2011, James Richard Kerrigan, of Ankeny, Iowa, was sentenced to a term of six months of home confinement, and three years of supervised release, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Kerrigan also paid a \$100 special assessment to the court. Kerrigan was ordered by United States District Judge John A. Jarvey to fully cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service in the determination and payment of any tax liabilities for calendar years 2006 and 2007. It was further ordered that Kerrigan file accurate income tax returns and pay all taxes, interest, and penalties due and owing by him to the IRS.

Kerrigan waived indictment and plead guilty to Count 2 of an Information filed on March 31, 2011, charging him with willfully filing a false income tax return. Court records reflect that on his 2007 income tax return filed with the Internal Revenue Service, Kerrigan listed gross receipts from consulting services in the amount of \$25,000. Kerrigan knew his gross receipts were at least \$93,541.53 in 2007.

The plea agreement reflected that in 2006, Kerrigan reported gross receipts from consulting services in the amount of \$25,000, when he knew his actual gross receipts from consulting services were at least \$55,000 in 2006. In addition, Kerrigan overstated certain deductions and expenses to further reduce his tax liability on his 2006 and 2007 tax returns.

As a result of Kerrigan's false statements, Kerrigan reduced his 2006 tax liability by \$22,914.00 and his 2007 tax liability by \$39,791.00, for a total of \$62,705.00

This case was investigated by IRS Criminal Investigation, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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