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SHREVEPORT WOMAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

Defendant Admits to Making False Statements on Federal Income Tax Return

SHREVEPORT, LA . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **MARILYN A. CAMP**, age 32, of Shreveport, was sentenced yesterday in United States District Court for making false statements on an income tax return. U. S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. sentenced CAMP to spend 18 months in a federal prison to be followed by a term of 1 year of supervised release. CAMP was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$30,650 to the Internal Revenue Service.

CAMP pled guilty in March of this year to one count of making false statements on an income tax return. CAMP admitted that while working as a bookkeeper for a local company, she used the company credit cards and company checks to make unauthorized purchases for personal items. In an effort to conceal her conduct from both her employer and the Internal Revenue Service, CAMP failed to report this other income, totaling \$118,642 for the tax years 2002, 2003 and 2004, on her federal income tax returns. In addition to the restitution CAMP must pay to the Internal Revenue Service, Judge Hicks also ordered CAMP to pay restitution in the amount of \$200,000 to the company from which the funds were illegally obtained. This amount reflects the total amount of money that CAMP was found to have embezzled from the company over a four year period.

U.S. Attorney Donald Washington stated: “We will pursue and prosecute tax cheats, including those thieves who fail to pay taxes owed on stolen funds. We commend those law enforcement agents who investigate and present these cases for prosecution. We are continuously working to ensure that victims of fraud such as this also receive compensation for their losses from those who choose to steal from them.”

Michael J. De Palma, Special Agent in Charge of Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation stated: “It is the goal of IRS Criminal Investigation to work with the Department of Justice to ensure that those engaged in illegal activities are brought to justice. Special Agents of IRS CI are highly skilled investigators who will work tirelessly to stop those Individuals who are motivated by the desire to benefit themselves to the detriment of other citizens and their government.”

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by Special Agent Jude Armand of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robin S. McCoy.

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