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FORMER MACOMB COUNTY BUSINESSMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FILING A FRAUDULENT TAX RETURN

Chuck Yannatta, 41, admitted to failing to report nearly $193,656 in income to the Internal Revenue Service, United States Attorney Barbara L. McQuade announced.

McQuade was joined in the announcement by Special Agent-In-Charge Maurice Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

Yannatta pleaded guilty to willfully subscribing a false tax return before United States District Judge Arthur J. Tarnow. Yannatta admitted that he failed to report $193,656 in income on his 2003 IRS Form 1040. During the relevant time period, Yannatta was an employee and stock holder of Commercial First Roofing, Inc. (CFRI) located in Macomb County, Michigan. Yannatta had registered a business called "Commercial 1st Roofing (CFR) and listed himself as the sole owner and at the same time established a check cashing account under the CFR name at a local check cashing business. During 2003, Yannatta cashed approximately $193,656 in checks made payable to Commercial First Roofing or Commercial First Roofing, Inc. at the check cashing business and failed to include any portion of the proceeds as income on his tax

return

Willfully subscribing a false tax return is punishable by a maximum sentence of 3 years imprisonment and a fine of up to $100,000. Sentencing is scheduled for August 12, 2010 at 2:30 p.m..

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frances Lee Carlson.