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Jackson, Miss – Charles W. Irby, 45, a former investment broker from Laurel, MS, was arrested in Anchorage, Alaska after a federal grand jury returned a 6-count indictment against him for tax evasion, failing to file federal income tax returns, and obstruction, U.S. Attorney John M. Dowdy, Jr. announced today. Irby is scheduled to appear today before a federal magistrate in Alaska and will then be returned to the Southern District of Mississippi to stand trial.

The indictment, unsealed today, charges Irby with one (1) count of tax evasion for the years 1998 through 2001, four (4) counts of failing to file federal income tax returns for the years 2004 through 2007, and one (1) count of obstruction of the administration of the internal revenue laws from February 2003 to March 2010. According to the indictment, Irby attempted to evade payment of federal income taxes totaling more than \$245,000.00 for the years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 through acts designed to conceal from the IRS the nature and extent of his assets and their location, such as placing assets in nominee names and filing frivolous documents with the IRS. According to the indictment, Irby also failed to file federal income tax returns for 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, when he had received income for those four years totaling approximately \$197,363.00.

Additionally, the indictment charges that Irby corruptly endeavored to obstruct the administration of internal revenue laws by promoting false information regarding the payment of federal income taxes to others in recruiting them to ignore their federal income tax obligations, by preparing false and frivolous documents to send to the IRS such as false affidavits for particular tax years, and by undertaking frivolous civil litigation in the United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi against federal agents and others involved in the criminal investigation to impede its progress.

United States Attorney Dowdy stressed that this indictment represents an accusation only and the defendant is entitled to a presumption of innocence.

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