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TAX PROTESTER SENTENCED
FOR FEDERAL TAX EVASION AND OBSTRUCTION

Hattiesburg, Miss - Charles W. "Chip" Irby, Jr., 46, a former stockbroker from Laurel, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Keith M. Starrett today to serve 108 months in federal prison followed by 8 years of supervised release for federal tax crimes, U.S. Attorney John Dowdy announced. Irby was also ordered to pay a \$15,000 fine and restitution in the amount of \$1,063,634.83 to the Internal Revenue Service as his tax liability with interest and penalties.

In August 2011, Irby was convicted by a federal jury of tax evasion for years 1998-2001, failing to file federal income taxes for 2004-2007, and attempting to obstruct the due administration of the federal tax laws. Irby was arrested in Anchorage, Alaska on April 15, 2011, and was returned to Mississippi to face trial on his indictment.

The prosecution of Irby was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Carla J. Clark and Mike Hurst with assistance from IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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