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**NEW JERSEY MAN SENTENCED TO A YEAR AND A HALF
IN PRISON FOR INCOME TAX EVASION**

TRENTON, N.J. – A Brick, New Jersey man was sentenced today to 18 months in prison for evading the payment of federal income taxes on over \$470,000 in income, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

John F. Mostler, 46, a computer network engineer, was convicted by a federal jury on January 7, 2010, of four counts of tax evasion, for the years 2002 through 2005. Mostler earned approximately \$100,000 in income in each of those years. United States District Judge Anne E. Thompson presided over the trial and imposed the sentence today in Trenton federal court.

According to the evidence at trial:

Mostler evaded paying his income taxes by, among other things, submitting W-4 forms to his employers in which he falsely represented that he was exempt from federal income tax withholding. Mostler testified at trial that he believed that the mandatory payment of federal income taxes violated the United States Constitution, and, thus, that the payment of such taxes was voluntary. Mostler also admitted at trial that he threw any correspondence he received from the IRS about his unpaid taxes in the trash without reading it because he believed it was propaganda. In addition, Mostler sent letters to IRS agents and employees who contacted him about his unpaid taxes – threatening to sue them for mail fraud if they continued to contact him.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Thompson sentenced Mostler to three years of supervised release. He was also ordered to cooperate with the IRS for the payment of his outstanding taxes.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Victor W. Lessoff, for the investigation leading to today's sentence.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Harvey Bartle of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Trenton.

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