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JURY CONVICTS FREDRICKTOWN MAN OF INCOME TAX EVASION

COLUMBUS – A United States District Court jury here today convicted Rudolph Joseph Fox, Jr., 56, of Fredricktown, Ohio, of three counts of income tax evasion and one count of willful failure to file a federal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (IRS), announced the verdict returned at the conclusion of a trial that began November 4th before U.S. District Judge Algenon L. Marbley.

Fox committed income tax evasion in 2002, 2003 and 2005. During 2002 and 2003 Fox demanded that his employer not withhold federal income taxes from his salary or wages. During 2005, Fox stated his taxable income was zero even though he received a salary or wages as an employee of a medical company. The tax loss in this case, as a result of the unreported income for these three years of income tax evasion, is \$23,765. In addition, Fox willfully failed to file a 2004 federal income tax return, even though he received income for the year.

Evidence presented during the trial included testimony by six witnesses including IRS agents and representatives of former employers and a financial institution.

Fox faces a maximum of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

"As approach a new filing season, let this be a reminder that while taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in the courts, taxpayers do not have the right to violate and disobey tax laws," said Special Agent in Charge Jose A. Gonzalez.

A federal grand jury indicted Fox on March 31, 2009. A sentencing date has not been set.

Stewart commended the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation agents and Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Brown, who prosecuted this case.

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