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FORMER MT. PLEASANT CHIROPRACTOR SENT TO PRISON FOR TAX EVASION

Columbia, South Carolina---- United States Attorney W. WALTER WILKINS stated that JOHN D. FITZGERALD, age 38, of Las Vegas, Nevada, formerly of Charleston, South Carolina, was sentenced to federal prison for tax evasion. United States District Judge P. Michael Duffy sentenced Fitzgerald to one year in prison, to be followed by two years of supervised release.

Evidence in the case established that from 1998 through 2002, Fitzgerald failed to report \$930,848 in income from his Accurate Chiropractic Clinic in Mt. Pleasant, and evaded \$263,381 in federal income taxes. Fitzgerald committed the tax evasion by transferring his income to a fraudulent trust and then to an offshore bank account in the Bahamas.

Fitzgerald paid the full amount of tax due prior to sentencing.

IRS Criminal Investigation Acting Special Agent in Charge, Betty N.

Stewart said, "The majority of the citizens work hard to pay their share of taxes, and to make the system fair for everybody, it is important that we prosecute those who intentionally evade paying their share."

The case was investigated by agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Rhett DeHart of the Charleston office prosecuted the case.

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