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BEAUMONT MAN GOES TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR NOT FILING INCOME TAX RETURN

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 45-year-old Beaumont man has been sentenced to 12 months in federal prison for failing to file a federal income tax return in the Eastern District of Texas. **MARK EDWARD MARTIN** was sentenced today by United States District Judge Marcia Crone.

U.S. Attorney Orwig was pleased with the sentence, "It is imperative that everyone pay their fair share of taxes. This is a serious crime with a just sentence."

According to court documents, Martin received gross income in the amount of \$269,689.93 during 1998 and was required by law to report those earnings. In March 2005, Martin was indicted for failing to file his 1998 tax return and he pleaded guilty to the charge in January 2006.

Martin must report to the United States Marshal by noon on Monday, June 19, 2006 to begin serving his sentence. He was also ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine and \$266,871.00 in restitution. The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, CID, and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert L. Rawls.