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ROLAN RALPH BECKER SENTENCED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Bill Mercer, United States Attorney for the District of Montana, announced today that during a federal court session in Helena, on November 15, 2007, before U.S. District Judge Charles C. Lovell, ROLAN RALPH BECKER, a 58-year-old resident of Ronan, appeared for sentencing. BECKER was sentenced to a term of:

- Prison: 27 months
- Special Assessment: \$300
- Restitution: \$91,794 plus penalties and interest
- Fine: \$50,000
- Costs of Prosecution: \$1,704.45
- Supervised Release: 3 years

BECKER was sentenced after having been found guilty during a 3-day trial of three counts of tax fraud.

Because there is no parole in the federal system, the "truth in sentencing" guidelines mandate that BECKER will likely serve all of the time imposed by the court. In the federal system, BECKER does have the opportunity to earn a sentence reduction for "good behavior." However, this reduction will not exceed 15% of the overall sentence.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kris A. McLean prosecuted the case for the United States.

The investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service.