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TWO BRANSON MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO FAILURE TO FILE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – John F. Wood, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Branson, Mo., men today pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge James C. England to willfully failing to file federal income tax returns for calendar years 2000 and 2001 as required by law.

Martin R. Dingman and **Shane O. Grady**, both 53, were business partners involved in the manufacture of leather products who failed to file and pay personal federal income taxes for tax years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. The Internal Revenue Service determined that during those years, **Dingman** owed and failed to pay \$326,682 and **Grady** owed and failed to pay \$219,091.

Under federal statutes, the maximum penalties for each defendant could result in a maximum of two years of imprisonment in federal prison without parole, a \$50,000 fine, two years of supervised release, an order of restitution, and a \$50 mandatory special assessment. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the IRS-Criminal Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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