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WINNFIELD MAN SENTENCED FOR TAX FRAUD

*Owner of Texican Turbines and Technology, Inc.
filed fraudulent tax return*

Alexandria, Louisiana . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that **KENNETH D. BLAKE**, age 72, of Winnfield, Louisiana, was sentenced by United States District Judge Dee Drell to spend one day in prison, followed by one year of supervised release. As a condition of his supervised release, BLAKE was ordered to spend 26 consecutive weekends in prison. BLAKE was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000, as well as restitution in the amount of \$161,744. Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

BLAKE pleaded guilty in July 2007 to a Bill of Information charging him with one count of filing a fraudulent tax return. Testimony at the hearing established that BLAKE, the president and owner of a gas turbine engine business in Winnfield, failed to report income from his corporation on his federal tax return for the 2003 tax year.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander C. Van Hook.

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