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MASONRY CONTRACTOR SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

Little Rock – U.S. Attorney Bud Cummins and IRS-CI Special Agent in Charge Cleve Daniels announced today that Ronald E. Robinson, 49, of Little Rock was sentenced for income tax evasion. Robinson was convicted of income tax evasion by a federal jury on January 7, 2005. Robinson was sentenced to twelve months in prison followed by 3 years supervised release by U.S. District Judge George Howard, Jr. He also must pay over $192,000 in restitution to the IRS. Robinson had already made some portion of payments to the IRS after he was convicted. He will be on supervised release for 36 months.

The government's proof established that Robinson, a small business owner, employer, and contractor, attempted to defeat the payment of a large portion of a federal tax debt he owes for calendar years 1995 and 1996 by discontinuing his filing of tax returns. Additionally, the government proved that Robinson attempted to conceal assets and income through numerous cash transactions, made false statements to agents of the Internal Revenue Service, and placed property, including luxury automobiles, a boat and real estate, in the name of a nominee.

This investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

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