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**LITTLE ROCK BUSINESS OWNER SENTENCED;
ORDERED TO PAY OVER \$520,000 IN RESTITUTION**

Little Rock, AR -- U. S. Attorney Bud Cummins and Cleve Daniels, IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent in Charge, announced that Gary Ingle, 50, of Little Rock, AR, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge James M. Moody to pay \$520,760 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service as part of his sentence for failing to pay over employment taxes. Engle received an 18 month sentence, split between the Federal Bureau of Prisons and home detention with electronic monitoring, followed by 3 years of supervised release and 50 hours of community service. Ingle was ordered to pay the restitution to the Internal Revenue Service by the end of his supervised release period.

Ingle pled guilty on March 22, 2004, to failing to collect or pay over employment taxes and failure to file his personal income tax returns from 1997 through 2000. During his plea hearing, Ingle admitted that as President/CEO and sole shareholder of Environmental Data Services, Inc., (EDSI), he willfully failed to collect and pay over employment taxes for his employees to the Internal Revenue Service. Ingle instead used these funds for personal living expenses and the purchase of personal assets. During this period of time Ingle also admitted that he failed to file his person income tax return for 2000 even though he was required to so by law.

According to the plea agreement, Ingle admitted that his actions caused a tax loss to the government of \$463,000 in employment taxes and \$57,760 in personal income taxes.

"A conviction for tax fraud is a costly detour in one's life," stated Cleve Daniels, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation Nashville Field Office. "What is important to note here is that the IRS will continue to aggressively identify and investigate these types of crimes to maintain the integrity of the tax system," said Daniels.

This investigation was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation.

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