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### **LITTLE ROCK ATTORNEY SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR AIDING AND ABETTING TAX EVASION**

**Little Rock** -- United States Attorney Jane Duke, and Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, Special Agent In-Charge, Christopher Pikelis, announced that Barry J. Jewell, 49, of Little Rock, Arkansas, was sentenced Tuesday, April 14, 2009, to serve 30 months in federal prison for aiding and abetting in the commission of tax evasion. Jewell's term of imprisonment will be followed by three years of supervised release. United States District Judge J. Leon Holmes also ordered Jewell to pay a fine of \$25,000 and a portion of the cost of prosecution in the amount of \$4,202.66. Jewell, who was ordered to self-report to the Bureau of Prisons on or before June 15, 2009, remains on bond pending his report date.

Jewell was found guilty by a Little Rock jury on September 19, 2008 of causing his clients to file a tax return with the Internal Revenue Service under-reporting their actual income for the year by approximately \$1.8 million. Jewell created a fraudulent business transaction to substantiate the false return, which resulted in a tax loss to the government of over \$700,000.

U.S. Attorney Jane Duke believes that Judge Holmes sent a clear message when he stated that "professionals who provide tax advice need to know that a deliberate, calculated, dishonest scheme resulting in the understatement of a large amount of taxes will result in a substantial term of imprisonment."

This investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Special Agent Dan Elliott. Assistant U. S. Attorneys George C. Vena and Laura G. Hoey represented the United States.

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