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Man Pleads Guilty to Filing False Tax Returns

Earlier today in federal court in St. Paul, a Minnesota man pleaded guilty to filing false federal income tax returns for tax years 2005 and 2006, resulting in a tax loss of approximately \$43,000. Appearing before United States District Court Judge Susan Richard Nelson, Darrel G. Kluge specifically pleaded guilty to one count of tax evasion. Kluge was charged on January 3, 2011.

In his plea agreement, Kluge admitted that for tax years 2005 and 2006, he intentionally omitted substantial amounts of income from his personal joint tax returns. Those omissions resulted in tax losses of approximately \$14,000 in 2005 and \$29,000 in 2006.

For his crime, Kluge faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Nelson will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Michael L. Cheever.

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Per U.S. Department of Justice policy, the U.S. Attorney's Office is not allowed to provide the age and city of residence for defendants charged in criminal tax cases.