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## **Man pleads guilty to failing to report \$825,866 in federal taxes**

Earlier today in federal court in St. Paul, a Minnesota man pleaded guilty to failure to file federal tax returns and report income for three years, resulting in a tax loss for the Internal Revenue Service of \$825,866. Dennis Luverne Desender specifically pleaded guilty to one count of tax evasion. Desender, who was charged on February 23, 2011, entered his plea before United States District Court Judge Susan Richard Nelson.

In his plea agreement, Desender admitted that he failed to file tax returns for tax years 2005 to 2008. In addition, he admitted that on October 17, 2005, he filed a false Form 1040 tax return for the tax year 2004, in which he failed to report gross receipts of \$31,878 and falsified \$314,885 in business deductions relative to his Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, financial consulting business.

For his crime, Desender faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Nelson will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled. As a result of the criminal investigation against him, Desender already has filed the appropriate tax returns and intends to file an amended 2004 return.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Dixon.

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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.