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TAX PROTESTER CONVICTED OF FEDERAL TAX EVASION AND OBSTRUCTION

Jackson, Miss - Charles W. (Chip) Irby, Jr., a former stockbroker from Laurel, MS, was convicted Thursday by a federal jury in Hattiesburg, MS, of tax evasion for years 1998-2001, failing to file federal income taxes for 2004-2007, and attempting to obstruct the due administration of the federal tax laws. He was arrested in Anchorage, Alaska on April 15, 2011 and was returned to Mississippi to face trial on his indictment. He faces up to 12 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$205,000 in addition to the costs of the federal prosecution.

Irby, who formerly operated Irby Investment Services in Laurel, was convicted of tax evasion for placing assets in nominee names and filing frivolous documents with the Internal Revenue Service to evade approximately \$249,802 in federal income taxes assessed by the Internal Revenue Service for calendar years 1998 through 2001. Irby was also convicted of failing to file federal income tax returns for the years 2004 through 2007. IRS representatives testified that his tax liability for those years was approximately \$58,000.00.

In addition, Irby was convicted of corruptly obstructing the due administration of the federal tax laws by promoting and disseminating false information regarding payment of federal income taxes to others by recruiting them to ignore their federal income tax obligations,

claiming the federal tax laws were unconstitutional or otherwise illegal. He prepared false and frivolous documents to send to the IRS for himself and others, and filed frivolous federal civil litigation against a Special Agent with IRS Criminal Investigation to impede the progress of his criminal investigation. Irby also transferred his assets to nominee trusts to conceal them and prevent the IRS from pursuing collection of the federal taxes he owed.

The prosecution of Irby was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Carla J. Clark, and D. Michael Hurst assisted by case agent Special Agent Bradley Luker and others from IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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