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LEXINGTON PHYSICIAN SENTENCED
FOR FILING FALSE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS

Acting U.S. Attorney Stan Harris, and Michael J. DePalma, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, New Orleans Field Office, announced that **Dr. Calvin Ramsey** of Lexington, Mississippi, was sentenced today to 27 months in prison, followed by a 1 year term of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$232,117.00 in restitution to the IRS for filing false tax returns in 2000 and 2001. In addition, **Dr. Ramsey** was ordered to pay \$7,547.34 for the government's costs in prosecuting the case. He was ordered to report to the Federal Bureau of Prisons on May 4, 2009, to begin his term of imprisonment.

Dr. Ramsey was indicted by a federal grand jury on November 7, 2007. According to the indictment, **Dr. Ramsey** was charged with filing false returns in violation of 26 U.S.C. §7206(1), whereby he failed to report substantial gross receipts from his business for calendar years 2000 and 2001. On October 16, 2008, a federal jury found **Dr. Ramsey** guilty of filing false tax returns for calendar years 2000 and 2001. U.S. District Judge William H. Barbour presided over the trial and imposed today's sentence.

Michael J. De Palma, Special Agent-in-Charge of Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, stated: "We are pleased with today's sentence. Tax evasion is not a victimless crime. Honest, hardworking Americans pay the price when others choose to evade their tax obligations. Prosecuting individuals who intentionally conceal income and evade taxes is a vital element in

maintaining public confidence in our tax system. If you suspect someone of committing fraud, do the right thing and contact your local IRS office."

Acting U.S. Attorney Harris commended the investigative efforts of the Special Agents and Revenue Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations, in the Jackson and Oxford offices. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mike Hurst.

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