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DENTIST SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN TAX FRAUD CASE

PHILADELPHIA - Richard P. Kaufman, 61, of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, was sentenced Tuesday to 72 months in prison for a scheme to obstruct the Internal Revenue Service. Kaufman was charged with one count of corruptly endeavoring to obstruct or impede the due administration of the internal revenue laws, three counts of false claims, and four counts of failure to file tax returns. A federal jury convicted Kaufman of all charges on August 1, 2011.

Kaufman has not filed a legitimate tax return since 1991. He is a dentist licensed in Pennsylvania who attempted to hide his income from the IRS by transferring his house into a fictitious trust, frequently changing the bank into which he deposited his business receipts, and submitting, to the IRS, \$10 million in fictitious documents titled "bonded promissary notes." Kaufman also submitted to the IRS three separate Forms 1040 for tax year 2008 which falsely claimed a total of \$7 million in federal income taxes withheld. In total, Kaufman requested that the IRS send a refund of \$865,041 to his bank account.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Juan R. Sanchez ordered Kaufman to pay \$13,348.38 in costs of prosecution, a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00 and a \$500 special assessment. Kaufman has been in custody since his conviction.

The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joan E. Burnes.

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