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SUN PRAIRIE MAN SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Francisco Tejada, 55, Sun Prairie, Wis., was sentenced yesterday for filing false federal tax returns resulting in a tax loss to the United States of \$37,280. Chief Judge Barbara B. Crabb sentenced Tejada to six months in custody and ordered him to pay a \$10,000 fine by March 1, 2010.

Tejada operated La Hispana, a speciality grocery store in Madison, Wis., and pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return for tax year 2004. This return reported that the cost of phone cards sold at La Hispana was approximately \$21,000 during that tax year, when in fact the cost of the actual phone cards was approximately \$164,000. Judge Crabb found that Tejada willfully under-reported these business expenses so he could hide income and not arouse the suspicions of the IRS.

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that yesterday's sentencing follows an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division in Madison. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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