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ST. MARYS MAN HEADED BACK TO PRISON FOR REFUSING TO PAY FEDERAL TAXES

TOPEKA, KAN. – **David G. Pflum**, 73, St. Marys, Kan., has been sentenced to 7 months in federal prison for violating the terms of his supervised release in a 2004 tax evasion case, Acting U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker said today.

In August 2004, Pflum, owner of Coil Springs Specialties, was convicted on eight counts of willfully failing to collect and pay federal employment taxes and three counts of willfully failing to file federal individual income tax returns. In December 2004, he was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison to be followed by two years on supervised release. He completed his prison sentence and began his supervised release in March 2007.

In July 2008, the government moved to revoke Pflum's release for failing to abide by the court's order to pay his taxes and to cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service. At a hearing in September 2008, the government argued that Pflum had claimed in June 2008 to have a net worth of less than \$473 when in fact he owned real estate valued at more than \$4.3 million and receivables valued at more than \$2 million at the time of the hearing. The government also argued that Pflum had continued to refuse to pay his taxes and had failed to cooperate when the IRS attempted to determine his tax liabilities from 1997 to 2007. At the time of the hearing, the government argued Pflum owed a total of \$8 million or more in back taxes, interest and penalties.

At a hearing Tuesday, U. S. District Judge Sam A. Crow revoked Pflum's supervised release. The Court pointed to Pflum's attempts to have the IRS's tax liens removed from properties in three states, as well as Pflum's transfer of property to his wife in violation of the Court's order.

Parker commended the Internal Revenue Service, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Kenney, Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Hathaway and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Luedke for their work on the case.

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