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FORT MYERS REALTOR SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION

Fort Myers, FL - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge John E. Steele today sentenced Thomas Daugherty (54, Fort Myers) to 24 months in federal prison for tax evasion. The court ordered Daugherty to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$2,063,409.75.

Daugherty pleaded guilty on January 20, 2010.

According to court documents, from 1998 through 2005, Daugherty, who was a real estate agent specializing in commercial real estate transactions, attempted to evade paying approximately \$1.6 million in federal income tax. Daugherty placed real properties in the names of others and purchased cashier's checks with money he earned, rather than depositing the money in a bank account from which the money could have been seized by the IRS. Daugherty cashed the cashier's checks, as needed, to cover his living expenses.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Haas and Robert Barclift.