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Man Sentenced to Prison for Falsely Reporting Government Officials to IRS

Madison, Wisconsin -- J.B. Van Hollen, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Larry Dean Kallembach, DOB: 9/26/57, of Argyle, Wisconsin, was sentenced by United States District Judge Barbara B. Crabb today to two years in prison and a \$5000 fine for filing false forms with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in an effort to retaliate against local government officials. Kallembach was found guilty on January 6, 2004, after a one-day jury trial in federal court in Madison.

The government's proof at trial established that in late 1997 Kallembach received a number of citations for building code violations for property he owned in Platteville, Wisconsin. After appearing in court on these citations, Kallembach was held in contempt and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Kallembach subsequently filed a number of lawsuits against the public officials involved in those incidents, and one of those lawsuits, filed in Grant County, Wisconsin, resulted in a judgment against Mr. Kallembach in excess of \$5,000. In 1999, Kallembach refused to pay property taxes

related to a number of properties he owned in Grant and Lafayette Counties. In January 2000, Kallembach attempted to use the IRS as a tool of harassment and retaliation against the public officials involved in his citations and the contempt, those involved in defending various lawsuits, and finally public officials who mailed out the property tax bills in 1999, by filing false forms with the IRS indicating that these public officials had been involved in suspicious large cash transactions.

The sentence was the result of a lengthy investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Laura A. Przybylinski Finn and Meredith P. Duchemin.

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