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Madison, Wisconsin -- J.B. Van Hollen, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that today Larry Dean Kallembach, DOB: 9/26/57, of Argyle, Wisconsin, was convicted of filing false forms with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in an effort to retaliate against local government officials, following a one-day trial in federal court in Madison. The jury found Kallembach guilty on all four counts in the indictment. Chief United States District Judge Barbara B. Crabb scheduled sentencing for March 16, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. Kallembach faces a maximum penalty on each count of three years in prison, a \$100,000 fine, plus the costs of prosecution.

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.

In announcing the guilty verdicts, United States Attorney J.B. Van Hollen stated, "This prosecution, and the guilty verdicts, reaffirm the commitment of this United States Attorney's Office to aggressively prosecute individuals, such as Larry Dean Kallembach, who attempt to obstruct and impede the IRS, and to harass public officials in connection with their lawful duties."

Van Hollen also stated that these guilty verdicts were 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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