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Gregory A. White, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, announced today that a criminal information was filed against Paul M. Misch, charging him with one count of making and subscribing false income tax returns for the years 2000 through 2002. According to court records, Misch resides at 11991 Orville Street N.W., Massillon, Ohio.

The information alleges that during the years 2000 through 2002, Misch, then a resident of Wadsworth, Ohio, had self-employment income from various sources, principally including fees for personal services as a consultant. The information charges that he falsified his federal income tax returns for those years by failing to report approximately \$192,887 of his gross receipts from self-employment and by failing to report approximately \$3,500 of rental receipts for the year 2000, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date filed</u>	<u>Type of Gross Receipts</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Actual</u>
2000	08/17/2001	Self-employment	\$9,614	\$44,100
		Rental	\$0	\$3,500
2001	08/17/2002	Self-employment	\$31,606	\$48,800
2002	08/28/2003	Self-employment	\$19,250	\$160,457

If convicted, the defendant's sentence will be determined by the Court after review of factors unique to this case, including the defendant's prior criminal record, if any, the defendant's role in the offense and the characteristics of the violation. In all cases the sentence will not exceed the statutory maximum and in most cases it will be less than the maximum.

The government's case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Siegel, following an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, Akron, Ohio.

An information is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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