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**FORMER TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEE  
SENTENCED IN TAX CASE**

Nashville, TN – January 29, 2008 – Edward M. Yarbrough, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, announced that Robert M. MacLafferty, 46, a former resident of Portland, Tennessee, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William J. Haynes, Jr., to serve 5 months in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release. Judge Haynes also ordered that MacLafferty serve the first 5 months of his supervised release period in a community correction center and to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service of approximately \$37,541.72.

MacLafferty pled guilty on October 12, 2007, to five counts of income tax evasion. During his plea hearing, MacLafferty admitted that he earned income which required him to file federal income tax returns for years 1996 through 2003, however, he failed to file such a return in each of those years. MacLafferty also admitted that he had adjusted gross income totaling \$227,993 from 2000 to 2003. During this period of time, MacLafferty provided false documents to his employer claiming he was not a citizen of the United States and therefore not liable to pay federal income taxes. MacLafferty also admitted that after the Internal Revenue Service filed a federal tax lien against his residence in Sumner County, he quitclaimed his interest in this property and another property to his wife.

This investigation was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Darryl Stewart represented the United States.