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**ROCKFORD CHIROPRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY
TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX EVASION**

ROCKFORD — A Rockford, Ill. chiropractor pleaded guilty today before U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Kapala to federal income tax evasion. The defendant, Todd R. Cevene, 42, Caledonia, Ill., had been charged on December 14, 2012, with tax evasion by a criminal Information.

According to the Information and plea agreement, Cevene owned or controlled Cevene Care Clinic, S.C., Cevene Management Group, Inc., Cevene Enterprises, LLC, and Todd Cevene Alaska Asset Preservation Trust. Cevene admitted in his plea agreement that during the calendar year 2004, he intentionally evaded payment of his federal income taxes by transferring substantial amounts of Cevene Care Clinic's income to Cevene Management Group, Todd Cevene Alaska Asset Preservation Trust, and Cevene Enterprises. Cevene then used a large amount of the transferred funds to pay for his personal expenses, knowing that these payments would improperly be used as business expense deductions on the federal income tax returns of the entities and that he would not claim those payments as his own personal income. Cevene admitted in his plea agreement that he also caused a large amount of the transferred funds to be transferred directly to him and that he did not include all of those distributions as income on his own personal federal income tax returns.

According to the plea agreement, Cevene admitted that by spreading the income of Cevene Care Clinic among the other entities and using those funds to pay for his personal expenses and make distributions, he intended to diminish the likelihood of discovery of his attempt to evade

federal income taxes. Cevene further admitted that he frequently made more than one transfer between the entities in an attempt to avoid detection.

Cevene admitted he owed a substantial amount of income tax for calendar year 2004 to the United States that he did not accurately report or pay. Cevene further admitted that he engaged in similar acts of evasion for the calendar years 2005, 2006, and 2007, and that his failure to accurately report income and expenses during those years caused a total underpayment of federal income tax of \$91,568.

Cevene faces a maximum sentence of up to 5 years imprisonment for tax evasion, up to 3 years of supervised release following imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000, as well as the costs of prosecution of up to \$500. Cevene must also be ordered to pay restitution to the United States. Sentencing has been set for April 2, 2013, at 2:30 pm. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines.

The guilty plea was announced by Gary S. Shapiro, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Thomas M. Jankowski, Acting Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Field Office of Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael D. Love.

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