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**RANKIN COUNTY BUSINESSMAN CONVICTED FOR
FAILING TO FILE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS**

Jackson, Miss - Acting U.S. Attorney Stan Harris, and Michael J. DePalma, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, New Orleans Field Office, announced that Wiley Randolph "Randy" Kuyrkendall of Pearl, Mississippi, who previously ran an insurance business in Brandon, Mississippi, was found guilty late yesterday afternoon by a federal jury. Kuyrkendall had been previously indicted by a federal grand jury on four counts of failing to file federal income tax returns for 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

United States District Court Judge Daniel P. Jordan, III, set sentencing for November 9, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. Kuyrkendall faces a maximum sentence of up to four years in prison, four years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

According to the indictment, Kuyrkendall, formerly a State Farm insurance salesman in Brandon, Mississippi, had failed to file income tax returns for 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, although he received almost \$800,000 in gross income during those four years. The evidence during trial disclosed that the defendant was a tax protestor who had previously filed a federal civil lawsuit against the Internal Revenue Service seeking \$1.1 billion and claiming that Congress did not have authority to tax. Kuyrkendall had previously pleaded guilty in Hinds County Circuit Court in 2000 for state tax evasion.

Michael J. De Palma, Special Agent in Charge of Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation stated, "We are pleased with the verdict in this case. The judicial system has recognized that failing to file income tax returns is a serious matter. Honest, hardworking Americans pay the price when others choose not to file their tax returns and pay their tax obligations. Special Agents of IRS Criminal Investigation will continue to work with the United States Attorney's Office in an effort to protect the public's confidence in our tax system. If you suspect someone of committing fraud, do the right thing... contact your local IRS office."

Acting U.S. Attorney Harris commended the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mike Hurst.

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