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**Another Pharmacist at Grapevine Drug Mart is Sentenced
on Income Tax Evasion Conviction**

FORT WORTH, Texas — Joseph Moss has been sentenced to one year and one day in federal prison and ordered to pay a \$3000 fine and \$51,150 in restitution following his guilty plea in January 2013 to one count of income tax evasion, announced U.S. Attorney Sarah R. Saldaña of the Northern District of Texas.

Moss, according to the factual resume filed in the case, is a licensed pharmacist who worked as a pharmacist for Grapevine Drug Mart, a family-owned and operated pharmacy in Grapevine, Texas. He received quarterly and weekly payments of income drawn on Grapevine Drug Mart's business bank accounts. The quarterly payments were generally received three to five times per year and varied in amounts ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000. Each of the quarterly payments were made payable to Moss enterprises, a dba Moss established, and deposited into Moss Enterprises' business bank account. The weekly payments were much smaller in amount and were made payable to Moss via check. From October 2006 through December 2008, Moss cashed these weekly checks made payable to himself and thus not reported on his income tax return.

The factual resume further states that in October 2009, Moss timely filed his federal income tax return but attempted to evade the amount of federal income tax he owed by failing to report approximately \$159,450 that he had received from Grapevine Drug Mart for the 2008 tax year. As a result, Moss had an additional tax due and owing of \$58,554 for the 2008 tax year.

Joseph Moss's father, Norvell Moss, was sentenced last month to 18 months in federal prison for the same offense. He was ordered to pay a \$30,000 fine and an additional \$8,277 in restitution to go along with the more than \$94,000 he had paid prior to sentencing.

According to the public court record, two other defendants affiliated with Grapevine Drug Mart were recently convicted in the Northern District for tax-related felony offenses. Larry Lake, also a Colleyville resident and a part-owner of Grapevine Drug Mart, was convicted by a federal jury in Fort Worth in February 2013 on concealment of assets (bankruptcy fraud) and three counts of tax evasion. His son, Travis Lake, who managed Grapevine Drug Mart, pleaded guilty that same month to an indictment charging three counts of fraud and false statements in connection with tax returns he filed for tax years 2006, 2007 and 2008. Both Larry Lake and Travis Lake are scheduled to be sentenced in mid-July 2013.

The cases were investigated by Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Poe and Tax Division Trial Attorney Robert A. Kemins are in charge of the prosecutions.

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