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LOCAL ATTORNEY PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILING TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN WITH THE IRS

COLUMBUS – Lumumba Toure McCord, 41, of Columbus, Ohio pleaded guilty to one count of willfully failing to file a 2006 federal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). McCord faces a maximum of one year in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office announced the guilty plea entered before U.S. Magistrate Judge Terence P. Kemp.

According to court documents, between 2006 and 2010, McCord practiced law utilizing the name The McCord Law Firm.

For each year, 2006 through 2010, McCord's income well exceeded the amount required for filing an income tax return, but no income tax returns were filed by McCord.

Specifically, for the 2006 income tax year, the income level threshold for filing was \$8,450. The IRS calculates that, during that year, McCord received gross income totaling \$79,060.50.

On several occasions the IRS mailed notices to McCord concerning his unfiled income tax returns. These notices were ignored by McCord. In addition, McCord ignored solicitations from his accountant to get current with his income tax filings. Also, McCord ignored encouragement from his former business partner to file an income tax return. McCord was well aware of the income tax return filing requirements, but utterly failed to file a 2006 income tax return.

The total tax loss calculated by the IRS was \$98,908.85 as it directly relates to McCord's failure to file income tax returns for the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 income tax years.

"Fulfilling individual tax obligations is a legal requirement and those who willfully evade that responsibility will be prosecuted," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel A. Brown and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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