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JURY CONVICTS FORMER HILLIARD RESIDENT OF FILING A FALSE INCOME TAX RETURN WITH THE IRS

COLUMBUS – A United States District Court jury here convicted John J. Johnson, 38, formerly of Hilliard, Ohio and currently living in Miami, Florida, of one count of willfully filing a false federal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The jury returned the guilty verdict after four hours of deliberation late last Friday evening. Filing a false income tax return with the IRS is punishable by up to three years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

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 verdict returned today following a trial that began December 9th before U.S. District Judge Gregory L. Frost.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Johnson claimed \$73,659 in adjusted gross income on his 2006 federal income tax return, when in fact Johnson should have claimed \$1,501,566.49 in adjusted gross income.

A federal grand jury indicted Johnson on April 16, 2013. Johnson was released on bond and a sentencing date will be set by U.S. District Judge Gregory L. Frost.

This conviction sends a message that the IRS and the U.S. Attorney's Office are working to make sure that all taxpayers pay their fair share of taxes," said Kathy A. Enstrom, Special Agent in Charge, IRS, Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office. "We should not forget that the ultimate victims in tax fraud cases are the people of the United States – those honest taxpayers who diligently file tax returns each year."

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney's David Bosley and Douglas Squires and was investigated by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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