

paying their fair share.”

“As a result of today’s sentence, criminal defense attorney Michael Thiel’s decade-long effort to evade paying his income and employment taxes is over, and he will begin serving time in prison,” said Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Goldberg. “Each April, the vast majority of Americans follow the tax law and pay their fair share. They have the right to expect that taxpayers who spurn these obligations will be held fully to account -- no matter their profession, wealth or position in the community.”

In addition to the term of prison imposed, Thiel was ordered to serve two years of supervised release and to pay restitution to the IRS in the amount of \$998,352. Thiel pleaded guilty in December 2016 to evading the payment of federal income and employment taxes.

Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Goldberg commended special agents of IRS-CI, who conducted the investigation, and Assistant Chief Todd A. Ellinwood and Trial Attorney Michael Hatzimichalis of the Tax Division, who prosecuted the case.

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