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Huntsville Accountant Pleads Guilty to State Tax Charges

Montgomery—A Huntsville accountant pleaded guilty Sept. 3, 2004, in Madison County District Court before Judge Susan Moquin to charges of willful failure to file and pay state income taxes to the Alabama Department of Revenue.

John Kenneth Brown, 53, of Huntsville, pleaded guilty to one count of willful failure to file an Alabama income tax return.

Judge Moquin ordered Brown to make restitution to the Alabama Department of Revenue for all state income taxes he withheld from employees' wages, but failed to pay over to the state during the years 1994 through 2000, as well as his 1999 personal income tax, which he failed to report and pay, plus all applicable penalties and interest.

Brown's conviction carried a 12-month suspended jail sentence with a two-year probationary period.

According to ADOR Investigations Division Director Charles E. Crumbley, the income tax charges against Brown are a frequent subject of informants who call to complain about employee withholding not being turned in properly, and their employers' failure to file their own tax returns.

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