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Madison County CPA Convicted on Tax Charges

Montgomery, June 20, 2001—A Madison County certified public accountant pleaded guilty June 18, 2001, in Montgomery County District Court for failure to file a 1996 Alabama income tax return, according to State Revenue Commissioner Michael L. Patterson.

Harvey Francis Cutter, 51, a resident of Huntsville, Ala., was ordered by Montgomery County District Judge Lucie McLemore to pay all outstanding taxes, penalties, and interest due the State of Alabama within 90 days. According to court records, taxes, penalties and interest totaled some \$24,290.

Cutter's conviction carried a one-year jail term, suspended, with one year of probation. Judge McLemore also ordered Cutter to file all future Alabama income tax returns in a timely manner.

Commissioner Patterson expressed his disappointment in a tax practitioner being convicted of such tax charges. "The victims of such tax crimes are Alabama's school children, as income taxes are earmarked for education in this state," said Patterson.

Patterson commended Revenue Special Agent Angela Aldridge and Examiner Janice Jackson for their work involving the tax investigation and subsequent conviction.

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