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FORMER JEFFERSON CITY MAN INDICTED FOR FILING FRAUDULENT INCOME TAX RETURNS, MONEY LAUNDERING

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Jefferson City man was indicted today by a federal grand jury for filing fraudulent income tax returns and structuring financial transactions to evade federal reporting requirements.

Sam G. Hall, 68, of Orlando, Florida (formerly of Jefferson City, Mo.), was charged in an eight-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City. **Hall**, who is retired, owned and operated a newspaper route business during the time frame of the alleged violations. Hall Distributing Company distributed the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* and the *Jefferson City News Tribune* from 1988 through 1998.

Counts One through Three of the federal indictment allege that, in the years 1996, 1997, and 1998, **Hall** filed federal income tax returns that listed his taxable income for the previous year at less than \$6,000 per year. In reality, the indictment alleges that **Hall** earned in excess of \$100,000 in each of those years.

Counts Four through Seven of the federal indictment allege that **Hall** structured a series of financial transactions through a local Bank in Cole and Callaway Counties to evade federal reporting requirements. Graves explained that federal law requires any financial transaction greater than \$10,000 to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. In order to evade that federal reporting requirement, Counts Four through Six allege that **Hall** purchased a series of 38 cashier's checks on three separate occasions between June 16 and 24, 1998, totaling \$114,100. Count Seven alleges that **Hall** made three deposits of \$8,000 each at three separate branches of Central Trust Bank on June 26, 1998.

Count Eight is a criminal forfeiture count, which would require **Hall** to forfeit to the

United States any property involved in the offenses alleged in Counts One through Seven, including two certificates of deposit totaling \$114,277.24 and \$24,000 in cash that was seized by federal law enforcement officers.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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