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Windsor man fined for failing to file tax returns

Windsor, Ontario, June 21, 2012 ... The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) announced today that on June 20, 2012, Arcenio Kordysz, of Windsor, pleaded guilty in Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor to four counts of failing to file personal tax returns. He was fined \$1,000 per count, for a total of \$4,000.

Mr. Kordysz, a self-employed construction worker, failed to file his individual income tax returns for the 2006 to 2009 tax years. The CRA made several requests for the missing returns before serving Mr. Kordysz with notices demanding that the returns be filed. Failure to comply with these notices resulted in charges being laid. All returns were filed after the charges were laid. He has six months to pay the fine.

The preceding information was obtained from the court records.

In addition to the fines imposed by the courts, individuals or corporations convicted of failing to file tax returns are still obligated to file the tax returns and pay the full amount of taxes owing, plus interest, as well as any civil penalties that may be assessed by the CRA.

Taxpayers who have not filed returns for previous years, or who have not reported all of their income, can still voluntarily correct their tax affairs. They may not be penalized or prosecuted if they make a valid disclosure before they become aware of any compliance action being initiated by the CRA against them. These taxpayers may only have to pay the taxes owing, plus interest. More information on the Voluntary Disclosures Program (VDP) can be found on the CRA's Web site at www.cra.gc.ca/voluntarydisclosures.

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