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International Fugitive Sentenced to 21 Years in Prison

LAS CRUCES - Third Judicial District Court Judge Douglas R. Driggers sentenced international fugitive Richard Gene Guy to twenty-one years in prison on Monday in Las Cruces. Judge Driggers suspended six years of the sentence requiring Guy to spend the next fifteen years in prison. In March 2005, Guy was indicted on 17 felony fraud and State of New Mexico tax evasion counts relating to his operation of a construction company in Dona Ana County in 2002 and 2003. Guy had pleaded no contest, and was found guilty, to 17 felony counts in June stemming from a Grand Jury indictment in March 2005 and faced a possibility of 55 years incarceration and \$75,000 in fines, as well as restitution to the victims of his fraud. Guy has been incarcerated at the Dona Ana County Detention Center since August 2007. "The majority of New Mexicans file and pay their taxes on time. If you do not, our Tax Fraud Division will find you and prosecute you, no matter where you hide," commented TRD Secretary Rick Homans.

Later in the spring of 2005, Special Agents from the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division contacted the U. S. Marshals Service for assistance in locating and apprehending Guy. According to the U. S. Marshals Service, Guy left the United States and arrived in Iraq in 2005 to work as a truck driver. Guy seemed to have disappeared in Iraq in 2005 for several months before being located in Kuwait in November 2006. The Diplomatic Security Service and Army Criminal Investigations Division in Kuwait kept Guy under surveillance until the Kuwait Ministry of Interior agreed to expel Guy on immigration violations. Guy was arrested by Kuwait officials in July 2007 and was deported and escorted from Kuwait to the United States by Deputy U. S. Marshals from New Mexico. Guy arrived in New Mexico in August 2007.

The case was a result of an investigation by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division and the Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department, and prosecuted by the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office in Las Cruces. To report suspected tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.