

Bend Man Pleads Guilty to Firearms and Tax Charges

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Previously Convicted Felon Illegally Possessed 17 Firearms and Evaded More Than \$200,000 in Federal Income Taxes

Morris David Frumkin a.k.a. Michael David Anastasia, a resident of Bend, plead guilty to single counts of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and income tax evasion. U.S. District Court Judge Michael R. Hogan ordered Frumpkin into custody at the conclusion of the hearing held Tuesday, May 30th.

Under his Plea Agreement with the government, Frumkin agreed to abandon his rights to 17 firearms and admitted that he was responsible for a tax loss of more than \$200,000. As a result of his guilty plea, Frumkin faces a maximum prison sentence of 15 years. Sentencing is set for August 1, 2006.

An indictment filed in January 2005 charged Frumkin with income tax evasion for 1998 through 2002. According to the indictment, Frumkin received taxable income of over \$1,046,000 during those years, and did not file tax returns or pay tax, used a false identity and used third parties to evade taxes.

A separate indictment filed in March 2005 charged Frumkin with knowingly possessing a firearm after having previously been convicted in Circuit Court for the State of Oregon, Deschutes County, of Unlawful Delivery of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, Theft in the First Degree and Unlawful Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance.

“In the past 10 years, almost 11,400 people nationwide have been prosecuted and sentenced for various federal tax crimes,” said Paul Camacho, the IRS Assistant Special Agent in Charge for Oregon. “The IRS Criminal Investigation takes such crimes very seriously.” This case was jointly investigated by the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Task Force and several federal agencies, including the IRS and FBI.

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