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**U.S. Government Contractor Sentenced To 24 Months For Tax Fraud**

**Memphis, TN** – Darrin Albert Searle, 44, of Loudon, TN, was sentenced today to 24 months in federal prison following his guilty plea to one-count of filing a false tax return, announced Edward L. Stanton III, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee.

According to the facts alleged in the information and revealed during the sentencing hearing, while working as a government contractor in Iraq in 2007, Searle failed to disclose \$618,186 of income he received through kickbacks. Searle is required to file amended returns and pay all relevant taxes, interest, and penalties.

In addition to the prison sentence, United States District Judge John T. Fowlkes, Jr. ordered Searle to serve one year of supervised release and to pay \$58,422 in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service. There is no parole in the federal prison system.

This case was investigated by the Special Investigator General for Iraq Reconstruction (SIGIR), the Department of the Army's Criminal Investigative Division, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations. Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred Godwin represented the government.