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Mobile County Business Owner Pleads Guilty to State Sales Tax Charges

Mobile, Nov. 17, 2003—A Mobile County business owner pleaded guilty Nov. 14, 2003, in Mobile County Circuit Court before Judge William H. McDermott to charges of willful failure to pay state sales taxes to the Alabama Department of Revenue over a four-year period.

Ali Abdi Jama, 47, owner of D.I.P. Food Market, located at 815 Dauphin Island Parkway, Mobile, Ala., pleaded guilty Friday to four counts of willfully filing false sales tax returns during the period July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2002.

According to court documents, Judge McDermott ordered Jama to make full restitution of all state sales taxes, interest, and penalties owed the state. Jama was ordered to pay \$19,951.03 on the day of his sentencing toward his sales tax liability. Jama's conviction carried a one-year suspended jail sentence with two years' probation.

Commenting on the conviction, State Revenue Commissioner Dwight Carlisle commended the Mobile County District Attorney's Office in its prosecution of the case and ADOR Special Agent Robert McVay and Revenue Examiners Jim Cronin and Danny Leathers in their handling of the case.

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