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Birmingham Resident Pleads Guilty to State Sales Tax Charges

Birmingham- Wilma Jean Johnson, 63, of 1728 Eufaula Ave., Birmingham, Ala., pleaded guilty Oct. 2, 2006, in Jefferson County District Court to state sales tax charges filed by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Johnson pleaded guilty Monday before Jefferson County District Judge Robert G. Cahill to willfully submitting fraudulent tax returns and other documents to the Alabama Department of Revenue for tax years 2000 and 2001.

Johnson, owner and principal officer of Vanguard Beauty Distributors, Inc., which is now dissolved, failed to report all business sales and pay all sales taxes collected by Vanguard Beauty Distributors, Inc., from its customers during 2000 and 2001. Johnson was responsible for filing sales tax returns for the corporation.

Judge Cahill sentenced Johnson to 12 months in jail, suspended, and placed Johnson on unsupervised probation for four months.

Judge Cahill ordered Johnson to pay \$12,638.71 in delinquent sales taxes and a \$100 fine. She was also ordered to remain current in all future tax filings with the Alabama Department of Revenue.

State sales tax revenues are earmarked for the state's Education Trust Fund (ETF) and are one of the major funding components of the ETF.

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