

# Alabama Department of Revenue

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## Walker County Businessman Pleads Guilty to State Tax Charges

*Birmingham*—A former Jasper auto dealer pleaded guilty May 18, 2005, in Jefferson County District Court to state tax charges filed by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Troy Davis Barnette, 40, of 800 Highway 78, Jasper, Ala., pleaded guilty Wednesday, May 18, 2005, before Jefferson County District Judge Robert G. Cahill to three counts of willful failure to file Alabama individual income tax returns for tax years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Judge Cahill sentenced Barnette to 12 months in jail, suspended, and placed Barnette on probation for two years. As a condition of his probation, Judge Cahill ordered Barnette to pay more than \$15,000 in delinquent income taxes, penalties, and interest. Judge Cahill also ordered Barnette to file his 2003 and 2004 state individual tax returns within 60 days and to remain current in all future tax filings with the Alabama Department of Revenue.

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

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