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## Huntsville Optometrist Arrested on Tax Evasion Charges

*Montgomery, Feb. 8, 2000*—Dr. Daniel Walter Placzek, 60, of 5151 Laurelwood Lane, Huntsville, was arrested Feb. 7, 2000, by the Madison County Sheriff's Office on five felony counts of state income tax evasion charges.

Placzek's arrest stemmed from an indictment by a Madison County Grand Jury for his failure to file Alabama individual income tax returns for tax years 1993 through 1997. The recent indictment was Placzek's second for state tax offenses. In 1991, he pleaded guilty to charges of failure to file state income tax returns.

If convicted of state income tax evasion charges, Placzek faces a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison, \$500,000 in fines, plus payment of outstanding tax liabilities.

An arraignment date has not been set.