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Hawaii Island Businessman Sentenced for Failing to File Taxes

HONOLULU – Dwight Y. Matsuyama, owner of Matsuyama Construction Company, Inc. (MCC) and Matsuyama Brothers Trucking, Inc. (MBT) of Kailua-Kona, was charged with multiple counts of failure to file general excise, withholding and corporate income tax returns for tax years 2006-2008. He pled guilty and was sentenced to a period of probation for one year.

Matsuyama failed to report millions of dollars in gross income that each of his companies received during the years in question. The criminal complaint charged each company with eight counts and Matsuyama personally with 16counts (total of 32) of wilful failure to file multiple tax returns.

Matsuyama failed to pay \$97,763 in taxes due for MCC and \$520,753 for MBT, for a combined total of \$618,516. He was ordered to pay restitution jointly and severally with each company at the rate of \$3,750 per month.

Wilful failure to file a return is a misdemeanor violation. Individuals can be assessed fines of up to \$25,000 or \$100,000 for corporations, and imprisonment of not more than one year or probation.

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