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**LAUREL, MS** – On May 7, 2024, David M. Sanford, 58, of Laurel, MS, entered a plea of guilty to one count of tax evasion (Mississippi Code 27-3-79) before Jones County Circuit Judge Dal Williamson.

The guilty plea stemmed from charges Sanford faced regarding taxes he withheld from his employees' checks and subsequently converted to his own use. Sanford was sentenced to a total of five years of House Arrest and Post Release Supervision under the Mississippi Department of Corrections and ordered to pay restitution of \$23,033.90 to the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

The charges against Sanford resulted from an investigation conducted by special agents inside the Department of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Division.