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**OWNER OF LOCAL LANDSCAPE BUSINESS PLEADS
GUILTY TO FELONY SALES TAX CHARGES**

FORSYTH, MO - Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeffrey M. Merrell announces that GREGORY L.HUNN, dob: 10/17/1963, of Taney County, Missouri, plead guilty last Thursday in front of Judge Mark Orr to the felonies of failure to file a sales tax return and failure to pay sales tax. Mr. Hunn, owner of Evergreen Landscape, was formally charged with these felonies on November 30, 2007, following an investigation by the Missouri Department of Revenue.

Following Mr. Hunn's guilty plea, Judge Orr sentenced Mr. Hunn to a suspended imposition of sentence and five (5) years of probation on both felony counts. Mr. Hunn will also be required to complete 100 hours of community service in Taney County as well as pay \$19,020.20 in restitution to the Missouri Department of Revenue during his period of probation.

Taney County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Rachel Beeton stated: "I hope that business owners who are not filing or paying their sales taxes realize that this is a serious offense which will be prosecuted in Taney County."

The felonies of failure to file a sales tax return and failure to pay sales taxes both carry a range of punishment in Missouri of one (1) day to one (1) year in the county jail, two (2) to five (5) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections, and/or a fine not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

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