

Tax Evasion Earns Prison for Elderly Man

**(KMZA)--A St. Mary's man is going to federal prison, sentenced Thursday to five years behind bars for tax evasion.**

**According to U.S. Attorney Tom Beall, 71-year-old David Pflum was also ordered to pay more than \$8.4 million in restitution.**

**Pflum, the owner of Coil Springs Specialties, was found guilty in January on one count of tax evasion and one count of obstructing the Internal Revenue Service.**

**During the jury trial, the prosecutor presented evidence that Pflum submitted false documents claiming he had less than \$475 in assets and his income was \$470 a month. In fact, he owned more than \$2 million worth of real estate and his income was more than \$16,000 a month. He urged renters, buyers and others indebted to him to ignore collection efforts by the IRS.**