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ORLANDO MAN SENTENCED FOR THEFT OF DISABILITY BENEFITS

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced today that U.S. District Judge John Antoon II has sentenced Patrick Wilson to 13 months in federal prison for the theft of disability benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Labor. The court also ordered Wilson to pay \$157,000 in restitution.

Wilson had pleaded guilty to two counts of theft of government property on September 11, 2008. According to court documents, Wilson exaggerated a medical condition in order to obtain approximately \$157,000 in disability benefits.. He falsely represented to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Labor that he suffered from paralysis and could not use his legs. In fact, Wilson did not suffer from paralysis, but was videotaped performing construction on the roof of his home, performing landscaping at his home, and dancing at social gatherings.

This case was investigated by the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs and the U.S. Department of Labor. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel C. Irick.