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Tobacco Farmer Sentenced to 6 Months Imprisonment for Obstructing an On-Going Federal Investigation

RALEIGH - United States Attorney John Stuart Bruce announced that today in federal court, the Honorable James C. Dever III, Chief United States District Judge, sentenced **KAY WEEKS FISHER**, 67, of Whitakers, North Carolina, to six-months imprisonment followed by three years of supervised release and a \$25,000 fine for making material false statements.

According to the Criminal Information and information in the public record, **KAY WEEKS FISHER**, being aware of an on-going federal grand jury investigation, took steps to help another farmer conceal the sales of hidden tobacco and encouraged the farmer to provide false testimony to federal agents. The farmer, who was also prosecuted by this office, eventually told the truth. **FISHER's** criminal conduct, however, obstructed the investigation and ultimately judicial proceedings.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigations, the United States Department of Agriculture - Office of Inspector General, and Risk Management Agency - Special Investigations Branch. Assistant United States Attorney Banumathi Rangarajan represented the government.

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