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A Louisiana physician has been sentenced to 52 months in prison for tax evasion.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Dr. Melissa Rose Barrett, of Baton Rouge, owned and operated two urgent care clinics — Central STAT Care and STAT Care Clinic — and owed the IRS approximately \$1.6 million in income taxes, excluding interest and penalties. The IRS notified Barrett that she owed taxes

by letter correspondence, telephone calls, bank account and property seizures as well

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In addition to the term of imprisonment, U.S. District Judge Brian A. Jackson ordered Barrett to serve one year of supervised release and to pay a \$200,000 fine.

Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Stuart M. Goldberg of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Gathe Jr. for the Middle District of Louisiana made the announcement.

IRS Criminal Investigation investigated the case.

Trial Attorney Wilson Stamm of the Tax Division and Deputy Criminal Chief Edward Warner and Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth White for the Middle District of Louisiana prosecuted the case.

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