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Orem man pleads guilty to tax fraud

An Orem man pleaded guilty Monday to one count of conspiracy to defraud the government after admitting to participating in an investment fraud scheme that cost the IRS an estimated \$7 million over a nine-year period.

Lanny White appeared in U.S. District Court to enter his plea as part of a plea bargain struck with federal prosecutors. White is the last of some 11 individuals who were indicted on tax fraud, including a former IRS employee.

When sentenced on Feb. 26, White faces a maximum of five years in federal prison.

Federal prosecutors say the group marketed a fraudulent trust scheme to more than 300 clients between 1993 and 2002, promising to reduce income tax liability.

Last February, former IRS employee and certified public accountant Max Lloyd was sentenced to almost two years in federal prison for his part in the scheme.

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