

# Va. Pastor Sentenced on Tax, SS Charges

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**ROANOKE, Va. (AP)**- The pastor of a Roanoke church has been sentenced to eight months in prison on federal tax and Social Security charges.

U.S. Attorney Timothy J. Heaphy says the Rev. Joseph Jay Mayo Sr. of Daleville will spend eight months on home confinement after he is released from prison.

The 53-year-old Mayo had pleaded guilty in May to submitting false tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service. He also admitted to stealing more than \$106,000 worth of Social Security benefits that he wasn't entitled to receive.

Mayo was sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court in Roanoke.

Media outlets report that Mayo is the pastor of Paradise Cathedral in Roanoke.

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