Henderson Drops Appeal

New York

Bandleader Lyle C. "Skitch" Henderson faces six months in prison after dropping an appeal of his conviction of filing false income tax returns.

Henderson, 57, filed pato pers Monday in the U.S. Court of Appeals here, asking to withdraw the appeal, which had been due for a hearing next month.

The musician was convicted last December by a Manhattan federal court

jury on two counts in a case involving his claim of a \$350,000 "charity" deduction for giving his music collection to the University of Wisconsin.

He was sentenced to six months in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The indictment last July alleged a scheme to evade more than \$150,000 in federal taxes and to hide the deal by backdating, forging and falsifying documents.

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