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CPA INDICTED FOR TAX EVASION

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced today that the Federal grand jury returned an indictment¹ against Norman W. Barrett, age 59 of Dover, Delaware. The indictment charges three counts of tax evasion regarding a total of \$58,748 in personal income taxes for the years 1999 - 2001. The indictment also charges 13 counts of failing to pay over to the IRS quarterly taxes withheld from wages of employees of Barrett's CPA business. The total charged in these counts, which span from 1999 to 2002, is \$32,126. The tax evasion counts each carry a maximum penalty of five years incarceration; the failure to pay withholding taxes counts each carry a maximum penalty of ten years incarceration. All of the offenses also are punishable by a \$250,000 fine.

Special Agent in charge of the IRS Baltimore Field Office, Rick Raven, stated "The efforts of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (CI) are directed at the portion of American taxpayers who willfully and intentionally violate their known legal duty of voluntarily filing income tax returns and/or paying the correct amount of income or employment taxes."

¹ An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, Wilmington, Delaware. For further information, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Edmond Falgowski.

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