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**PRESS RELEASE**

**DISBARRED LAWYER INDICTED ON TAX EVASION**

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced today that William L. Garrett, age 55, of 22 Turkey Hollow Road, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, was arrested today after being indicted on November 16, 2006, for tax crimes. Garrett is charged with four counts of tax evasion for the years 2000-2003, and four counts of failure to file tax returns for the years 2000-2003. He is charged with evading about \$76,200 in federal taxes during the four years. The maximum penalty for the each evasion offense is five years in jail, and a \$250,000 fine, and for each failure to file offense, one year in jail and a \$100,000 fine. After a bail hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Pat Thyng, Garrett was released on his own recognizance.

The Defendant was a member of the Delaware bar until his disbarment on October 5, 2006. His law practice had been located in the Trolley Square neighborhood in Wilmington.

U.S. Attorney Connolly stated, "Every year, some Delawareans are prosecuted for income tax crimes. The usual penalty upon conviction is to be sent to jail and to have to pay back taxes, penalties, and interest. Cheating on income taxes is not a victimless crime. It hurts everybody who does pay their taxes honestly."

An indictment is only an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. For further information, please contact Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard G. Andrews.

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