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EVENT: Indictment

Defendant: Frank Scaramuzzino

Shelby Township Businessman Arraigned on Tax Charges

Frank Scaramuzzino, of Shelby Township, owner of Premier Autoworkers, Inc., was arraigned on an indictment charging him with three counts of failure to file income tax returns and four counts of failure to pay income tax, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

Mr. Murphy was joined in the announcement by Special Agent in Charge Maurice Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

According to court records, during 2001 through 2003 tax years, Scaramuzzino received gross income of \$2,024,473 and willfully fail to file his income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. He also willfully failed to pay \$736,917 in income tax due and owing to the IRS. In 2004, Scaramuzzino willfully failed to pay an additional \$141,094, based on earned gross income of \$452,078.

"The law is crystal clear," said Aouate. "Everybody has a duty to file and pay their taxes."

Failure to file income tax returns and failure to pay carries a maximum penalty of not more than one year imprisonment and a \$100,000 fine, per count.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

United States Attorney Murphy thanked the IRS Criminal Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David E. Morris.