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OWNERS OF ANNAPOLIS PLUMBING BUSINESS INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

BALTIMORE - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that a federal grand jury has indicted Henry Martin Eberly, age 75, and Dolores C. Eberly, age 74, of Annapolis, Maryland for tax evasion and filing false tax returns in connection with their plumbing business, Eberly Plumbing, Inc.

The five-count indictment charges the Eberly's with evading personal income taxes for the 1997, 1998 and 1999 tax years amounting to approximately \$138,000. They are also charged with making false statements on their business tax returns for the 1997 and 1998 tax years by underreporting their gross receipts.

Counts one, two and three of the indictment which charge tax evasion carry a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and/or a \$100,000 fine. Counts four and five which charge the filing of false tax returns carry a maximum penalty of 3 years imprisonment and/or a \$100,000 fine. The Eberly's are scheduled for arraignment on August 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa M. Griffin.