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**PRESS RELEASE**

**NEW BEDFORD FISH BUSINESS OWNER INDICTED  
ON TAX AND STRUCTURING CHARGES**

Boston, MA... A New Bedford man was indicted today on federal charges of tax evasion and structuring cash transactions.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Joseph A. Galasso, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, announced that **JOSE J. GALINHA**, age 51, of Faith Avenue, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, was named today in a 21 count indictment charging him with willfully attempting to evade federal employment taxes and structuring cash transactions.

According to the indictment and other documents previously filed with the Court, it is alleged that **GALINHA**, the owner of J.G. Seafood Co., Inc., a fish cutting business located in New Bedford, Massachusetts, failed to report cash wages paid to his employees on quarterly federal employment tax returns beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 1998 and ending with the last Quarter of 2002. It is alleged that **GALINHA** cashed company checks on a weekly basis, often in amounts just below the \$10,000 federal reporting requirements and used the cash to pay his employees wages "under the table". It is further alleged that when weekly cash wages exceeded \$10,000, **GALINHA** cashed company checks made payable to fictitious names at a local sports club, of which **GALINHA** is the current vice-president, and used that cash to pay employees the additional wages. It is alleged that the total amount of cash wages that **GALINHA** failed to report on Quarterly Forms 941 for 1998 through 2002 to be close to \$3 million. It is alleged that the additional employment tax due and owing on such cash wages would be in excess of \$650,000.

**GALINHA** was arrested on April 8, 2004 by complaint in connection with these charges and later released on a \$50,000 unsecured bond pending trial. If convicted, **GALINHA** faces a maximum sentence of 3 years in prison, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$100,000 fine, on each of the 20 tax evasion counts of the indictment. **GALINHA** also faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$100,000 fine on the structuring charge.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Brian Kelly and Frank Gaziano in Sullivan's Organized Crime Strike Force Unit along with John McAdams, Trial Attorney in the DOJ's Tax Division.

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