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**PRESS RELEASE**

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and Rick A. Raven, Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, announced today that Daoud Sultan, age 48, of Newark, Delaware, and Esa Mohammed, age 57, of Newark, Delaware, were charged in Indictments with various tax crimes. Sultan is charged with four counts of filing false individual tax returns for the years 1998-2001, and four counts of filing false corporate tax returns for Maiwand Corp. for the years 1998-2001. He is charged with underreporting his income by about \$300,000. Mohammed is charged with four counts of filing false individual tax returns for the years 1998-2001, and eight counts of aiding and abetting the filing false employment tax returns for Arghastan Corp. for the years 2000-2001. He is charged with underreporting his income by about \$500,000. The maximum penalty for the each offense is 3 years in jail, and a \$250,000 fine. It is expected that Sultan will be summonsed into Federal District Court in Wilmington in the near future to answer the charges. An arrest warrant has been issued for Mohammed.

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."

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