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BLUE EYE, MO., MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL TAX CHARGES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Eye, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on federal tax evasion charges.

Mark E. Welytok, 51, of Blue Eye, Mo., was charged in three counts of an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Welytok** attempted to evade the payment of \$7,165 in income tax due in 1996, of \$14,131 in income tax due in 1997, and of \$15,633 in income tax due in 1998.

Each count of the federal indictment also alleges that **Welytok** attempted to conceal from the Internal Revenue Service the nature and extent of his receipts from work as an architect, by placing funds in the names of Heritage Architecture Trust and nominee trustees, by failing to file a timely personal income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service, and by making false statements to agents of the Internal Revenue Service.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in today's indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard E. Monroe. It was investigated by Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations.

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