



## United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

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### DAYVILLE LIQUOR STORE OWNER ADMITS BRIBING IRS AGENT

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that PAUL HUYNH, age 51, of Dayville, Connecticut, waived indictment and pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson in Hartford to one count of bribery.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, HUYNH is the owner of *Dayville Fine Wines and Spirits, LLC*, located at 13 Railwood Avenue in Dayville. In approximately May 2005, a Revenue Agent of the Internal Revenue Service was assigned to audit HUYNH's 2003 and 2004 tax returns. The Revenue Agent met with HUYNH on numerous occasions during the audit process. During one meeting on December 15, 2005, HUYNH agreed to give \$3,000 in cash and three bottles of wine to the Revenue Agent. The Revenue Agent refused both the money and the champagne, and subsequently reported the incident to Special Agents of the U.S. Treasury Department, Inspector General for Tax Administration.

On December 21, 2005, the Revenue Agent, now working with the Inspector General for Tax Administration, returned to *Dayville Fine Wines and Spirits* and asked HUYNH about the gift that HUYNH had previously offered. HUYNH agreed to give the money and wine to the Revenue Agent and, in exchange, HUYNH informed the Revenue Agent that he wanted his returns corrected. During this meeting, HUYNH acknowledged that he could get in trouble for giving the things of value to the Revenue Agent. HUYNH then provided the Revenue Agent with \$3,000 in cash and three bottles of wine.

During another meeting on January 9, 2006, HUYNH agreed to give the Revenue Agent \$7,000 to make any remaining problems with the 2004 tax return "go away" and to take care of any tax problems with the 2003 tax return.

Judge Thompson has scheduled sentencing for May 22, 2007, at which time HUYNH faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 15 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the U.S. Treasury Department, Inspector General for Tax Administration, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nora R. Dannehy.

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