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## **ATTORNEY AND BUSINESSMAN CHARGED IN TAX CONSPIRACY**

### PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES K. BROWN, 58, Evansville, Indiana, and DAVID E. PRICE, 62, Santa Claus, Indiana were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for nine felony tax offenses, following an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The superseding indictment alleges that between 1999 and 2004, BROWN and PRICE conspired to defraud the United States by impairing the lawful function of the Internal Revenue Service to assess and collect tax revenue and penalties, and to monitor the operations of charitable trusts. The charges arose from the defendants' financial transactions involving a charitable trust. PRICE was allegedly the Trustee of this charitable trust during the period of time the conspiracy caused its value to drop from over \$3,600,000 to less than \$100,000. BROWN was the income beneficiary of the charitable trust and is alleged to have illegally received through this conspiracy more funds from the charitable trust than the limited amount allowed by its terms and the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code governing charitable remainder trusts. Upon BROWN's death and that of his wife, the funds in this charitable trust were supposed to go to the Shriner's Hospital and the Indiana University Foundation. PRICE and BROWN allegedly accomplished this conspiracy through a series of transactions involving bank accounts in foreign countries and the United States, as well as the filing of false personal income tax returns and charitable trust tax returns. They also alleged engaged in numerous prohibited transactions with the funds of the charitable trust.

In addition to the conspiracy charge, PRICE is also charged with five counts of filing false individual and charitable trust tax returns and BROWN is charged with an additional three counts of filing false individual income tax returns.

BROWN is an Evansville businessman and a former part owner of Rose Disposal, a landfill business. PRICE is an attorney practicing in Santa Claus, Indiana.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorneys Steven D. DeBrotta and Todd S. Shellenbarger, who are prosecuting the case for the government, the conspiracy charge upon conviction may be punished by imprisonment for up to 5 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. Each of the false tax return charges may be punished by imprisonment for up to 3 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. The case has been assigned to the docket of United States District Judge Richard L. Young.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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