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MUSICIAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX EVASION

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced today that Charles Edward Moore, age 56 of Cliffside Park, New Jersey, entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court, before the Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, to one count of Tax Evasion, punishable by a maximum five years imprisonment and \$250,000 fine.

The tax evasion charge was based on Moore's failure to file a tax return and his attempt to evade the payment of taxes on \$319,166, earned in 2002 as an orchestra leader and music agent in the New York City area. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Moore agreed to file, prior to his sentencing, income tax returns for the years 1999 through 2003, during which he had taxable income totaling \$835,149 on which there was due and owing a total tax of \$307,789.

U.S. Attorney Colm Connolly stated, "With April 15th fast approaching, this guilty plea serves as a reminder to those who might be considering unlawfully avoiding their tax obligations. Tax evasion is a crime; indeed a serious crime. Don't expect to get away with it and be prepared to face stiff penalties if you engage in it."

"There are many reasons for taxpayers to 'fall out of the system.' However, willful failure to file or pay is a federal crime. Don't let that happen to you," said Rick A. Raven, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division fo the Internal Revenue Service, Wilmington, Delaware, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edmond Falgowski.

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