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Event: Indictment

Defendant: Marc Bruce

### Lincoln Park Businessman Arraigned on Tax Charges

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Marc Bruce, of Lincoln Park, Michigan, was arraigned on an indictment charging with four counts of tax evasion and one count of corruptly impeding the internal revenue laws, United States Attorney Terrence G. Berg announced.

Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by Maurice Aouate, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division.

According to court records, during the 2001 through 2004 tax years, Bruce received over \$890,000 in taxable income and willfully failed to file tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. Bruce also attempted to conceal his true and correct income from the IRS and failed to pay over \$244,000 in tax due and owing. During this time period, Bruce obstructed and impeded the IRS by not paying the quarterly payroll taxes due and owing by MDB1, Inc, when he transferred the business operations to M&C Trucking, Inc., by conducting business in cash, and by transferring his assets to nominees.

United States Attorney Berg said, "Enforcing the law against individuals who intentionally

conceal income and evade taxes is a vital element in maintaining public confidence in our tax system. We should not expect the honest taxpayer to foot the bill for those who hide income from the IRS."

"The law is crystal clear; people must pay their taxes," said Aouate. "IRS Criminal Investigation will vigorously investigate those individuals who knowingly and willfully evade their tax obligation."

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mr. Berg commended the special agents of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney C. Barrington Wilkins is prosecuting the case.