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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney GLENN T. SUDDABY announced today that a computer programmer from Clay, New York, has been indicted for federal income tax evasion. DALE E. EDMONDS, age 42, has been charged with three counts of attempting to evade or defeat the payment of federal income tax. A federal grand jury returned the three-count Indictment on February 4, 2004.¹ If convicted, EDMONDS faces a maximum of five years in prison on each felony charge.

According to the Indictment, between 1997 through 1999 EDMONDS failed to pay income taxes despite earning annual income approximating \$157,000, \$119,000 and \$258,000, respectively. EDMONDS is alleged to owe more than \$150,000 in unpaid taxes to the Internal Revenue Service. The Indictment further alleges that EDMONDS sought to limit his tax withholdings in 1999--a year for which he failed to file a federal tax return--by overstating his dependants and declaring nine allowances on an Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate (W-4 Form).

EDMONDS' indictment follows an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Anne Marie Coons. Further inquiries can be directed to Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas A. Capezza, Syracuse, New York at (315) 448-0672.

¹ The charges are mere allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.