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**CITY EMPLOYEE CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT
OF TAX EVASION OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that KIMBERLY W. HOLLIER was convicted today in Manhattan federal court of three counts of tax evasion after a jury trial before United States District Judge VICTOR MARRERO.

According to the Indictment and the proof at trial, HOLLIER, while employed as a carpenter at the New York City Housing Authority, evaded his federal taxes in the years 1996 through 1998 by various means, including (a) failing to file an income tax return for each year on or about the date required by law; (b) submitting to his employer, the New York City Housing Authority, Employee Withholding Allowance Certificates, IRS Forms W-4, which falsely and fraudulently claimed that he was exempt from withholding; (c) submitting to his employer counterfeit letters purporting to be from the IRS and purporting to authorize

his exemption from withholding; and (d) filing income tax returns containing false information in order to obtain a refund of his withheld taxes.

According to the proof at trial, after the IRS disallowed HOLLIER's claim of exemption from tax withholding, HOLLIER submitted three forged letters to the New York City Housing Authority purporting to be from the IRS and approving HOLLIER's claim of exemption. The evidence at trial also established that HOLLIER claimed to IRS representatives that he had been reading the Internal Revenue Code since he was a child and believed himself to be exempt.

According to the Indictment and the proof at trial, HOLLIER earned \$31,820 in 1996 and failed to pay \$4,452 in federal income taxes; he earned \$58,402 in 1997 and failed to pay \$13,547 in federal income taxes; and he earned \$54,333 in 1998 and failed to pay \$6,036 in federal income taxes.

HOLLIER, 54, resides in Brooklyn and is currently employed by the New York City Police Department as a carpenter. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine on each count. Judge MARRERO scheduled HOLLIER's sentencing for May 28, 2004.

Mr. KELLEY praised the efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigative Division, and the New York City Department of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys ALEXANDER H. SOUTHWELL and JANE LEVINE are in charge of the prosecution.

