



U.S. Department Of Justice

*United States Attorney
Northern District of Indiana*

Telephone (219) 937-5500

Fax (219)852-2770

*5400 Federal Plaza
Suite 1500
Hammond, Indiana 46320*

March 4, 2004

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RELEASED BY: Joseph S. Van Bokkelen
United States Attorney
Northern District of Indiana
5400 Federal Plaza, Suite 1500
Hammond, Indiana 46320

PRESS RELEASE

The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in Hammond, Indiana, returned the following indictment:

ROBERT J. VELLIGAN, age 45, of East Chicago, Indiana charged with two counts of filing false and fraudulent federal individual income tax returns for calendar years 1999 and 2000. It is alleged that he reported his gross income in 1999 as \$500,956, and in 2000 as \$236,018, when VELLIGAN knew and believed the true and correct income for these years was in excess of the amount he reported.

VELLIGAN is the owner of Calumet Concrete & Masonry, Inc., 1101 East 139th Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

Upon conviction, any sentence to be imposed will be pursuant to the relevant Sentencing Guideline.

This charge was filed as the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas L. Kirsch II, who can be reached at 219/937-5500 for any inquiries.

The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

**** END ****