



United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

March 30, 2007 MIDDLETOWN MAN ADMITS PREPARING FALSE TAX RETURNS FOR CLIENTS, EVADING OWN TAXES

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, and Douglas A. Bricker, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division in New England, announced that EUGENE A. CARLIN, age 47, of 658 Ridge Road, Middletown, Connecticut, waived indictment and pleaded guilty today before United States Magistrate Judge Donna F. Martinez in Hartford to charges of tax evasion and preparing false income tax returns.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, CARLIN operated a tax return preparation business at his home in Middletown from 2002 through 2006. In pleading guilty, CARLIN admitted that he prepared false income tax returns for several clients by inflating deductions, or creating false deductions, which reduced his clients' tax liabilities. CARLIN admitted that he prepared 32 false tax returns for his clients, which resulted in a tax loss to Internal Revenue Service of \$75,348.

CARLIN also admitted that he evaded his own income tax liabilities for 2002, 2003, and 2004 by filing tax returns that claimed his taxable income was \$0 in each year. CARLIN actually owed the Internal Revenue Service a total of \$34,001 for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004.

CARLIN is scheduled to be sentenced by Chief United States District Judge Robert N. Chatigny on June 18, 2007, at which time CARLIN faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years for tax evasion and three years for preparing false tax returns. He also faces a maximum fine of \$250,000 for each offense.

CARLIN also must pay to the Internal Revenue Service back taxes of \$34,001, plus penalties and interest. CARLIN's clients will be responsible for resolving their own tax liabilities with the Internal Revenue Service.

“As we near the tax filing deadline, it is our hope that this case sends the appropriate message to tax preparers and taxpayers, alike,” U.S. Attorney O'Connor stated. “Those who cheat the government will be investigated, and may very well be prosecuted. It's also important to note that individuals who have others prepare their returns for them are not off the hook from facing punishment. Each of us has an obligation to sign our name to an accurate return, regardless of who prepares it.”

“Most tax return preparers provide excellent service to their clients, but there are also unscrupulous tax preparers who file false and fraudulent returns to defraud the government, the taxpaying public and their own clients,” stated IRS-CI Special Agent in Charge Bricker. “This case serves as an example that those who violate the law will be investigated by the IRS and brought to justice.”

This case was investigated by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anastasia E. King.

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