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**Indictment Returned Against Jefferson Woman for Income Tax Evasion**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that the federal grand jury sitting in Portland returned a four-count indictment against Shirley St. Pierre, 53, of Jefferson, Maine. The indictment charges that St. Pierre evaded federal income taxes in 2000, 2001 and 2002. The indictment further charges that she obstructed an audit by providing false and fraudulent documents to the Internal Revenue Service. If found guilty of the charges, St. Pierre could be imprisoned for up to five years on each of the three tax evasion charges, and up to three years on the obstruction charge. Additionally, each of the four charges carries a maximum fine of \$250,000, and a supervised release term of up to three years. No trial date has yet been set.

United States Attorney Silsby cautioned that an indictment is merely an accusation, and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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