



United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

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ESSEX MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX EVASION

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that STEPHEN S. MARKESKY, age 67, of Essex, Connecticut, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Alvin W. Thompson in Hartford to one count of an Indictment charging him with tax evasion.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, MARKESKY, the majority shareholder of *Cetomac Fasteners, Ltd.*, a Birmingham, England-based seller of nuts and bolts, willfully evaded his tax obligations to the United States on the income he received from *Cetomac* in the years 1999, 2000, and 2001, by filing false U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns jointly with his spouse that understated their taxable income and federal tax liability for each of these years.

In pleading guilty, MARKESKY admitted that he took affirmative steps in each of these years to conceal and disguise the income he received from *Cetomac*. MARKESKY used nominee companies and conduit companies to receive his income, deposited much of this income at bank accounts he maintained at the *National Irish Bank*, and concealed the existence of these accounts from the Internal Revenue Service.

The total tax loss to the Government resulting from MARKESKY's illegal conduct is approximately \$206,221.

Judge Thompson has scheduled sentencing for October 1, 2007, at which time MARKESKY faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and a fine of up to \$412,442. MARKESKY also will be required to pay to the Government back taxes, plus penalties and interest.

Cetomac Fasteners, Ltd. is no longer in business.

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

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