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NEW FAIRFIELD WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL TAX CHARGE

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that MARIA "Mary" RULLO, age 45, of 4 Mountain View Road, New Fairfield, Connecticut, waived indictment and pleaded guilty today before Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns in New Haven to one felony count of filing a false tax return.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, RULLO failed to report alimony income on personal tax returns she filed with the Internal Revenue Service. During the course of an investigation, the IRS obtained an affidavit signed by RULLO in 2003 in which she stated she received \$40,000 in alimony, an amount that she omitted from her tax return for that year.

RULLO has agreed to pay \$34,436 to the IRS for material omissions to her returns filed for the 2001 through 2004 tax years.

Judge Burns has scheduled sentencing for October 19, 2007, at which time RULLO faces a maximum term of imprisonment of three years and a fine of up to \$100,000.

RULLO was released on a \$25,000 non-surety bond and was ordered not to have any direct or indirect contact with the defendants and witnesses named in United States v. Ianniello, et al, Case Number 3:06cr161(EBB).

This matter was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General and the Connecticut State Police. Assistant United States Attorneys Michael J. Gustafson, Raymond F. Miller, and Henry K. Kopel are prosecuting this case.

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