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TWO INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE INCOME TAXES

BUFFALO, N.Y. - Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today a three-count Indictment, charging KENNETH and PHYLLIS KASPER, of Niagara Falls, New York, with filing false federal income tax returns for 1999, 2000 and 2001. The charges carry a maximum penalty of 3 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory L. Brown, who presented the evidence to the Grand Jury, stated that the Indictment charges the defendants, the husband and wife owners of the Algiers Motel in Niagara Falls, with willfully failing to report over \$270,000 of income on their Form 1040 individual tax returns during the three years in question.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Internal Revenue Service's Office of Criminal Investigations, Buffalo, New York, under the direction of Patricia Haynes.