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KC MAN INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Matt J. Whitworth, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for filing false tax returns.

William E. Schroff, 71, of Kansas City, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. During the time of the alleged offenses, **Schroff** owned and operated several businesses, including an industrial sandblasting and painting company known as ANS Company.

Today's indictment alleges that **Schroff** filed a Form 1040 with the Internal Revenue Service on May 28, 2003, in which he reported taxable income of \$1,075 for the calendar year 2001. In reality, the indictment says, **Schroff's** taxable income that year was approximately \$131,568.

On April 15, 2003, **Schroff** allegedly filed a Form 1040 with the Internal Revenue Service in which he reported a taxable loss of \$43,396 for the calendar year 2002. In reality, the indictment says, **Schroff's** taxable income that year was approximately \$328,225.

The indictment also alleges that **Schroff** filed a Form 1040 with the Internal Revenue Service on April 15, 2004, in which he reported a taxable loss of \$41,694 for the calendar year 2003. In reality, the indictment says, **Schroff's** taxable income that year was approximately \$108,590.

Whitworth cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by IRS-Criminal Investigation.

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