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## **COUPLE PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX FRAUD**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, July 31, 2009, that Eugene G. Warner and Lorna K. Warner, residents of Anchorage, pled guilty in federal court to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Eugene G. Warner, 66, and Lorna K. Warner, 67, pled guilty before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Crandon Randell advised the court that the IRS assessed taxes, interest, and penalties against Eugene Warner for the years 1990 through 1998 are approximately \$500,000, and against Lorna Warner are approximately \$154,000 for those same years. The Warners admitted that from about May 10, 2000, until around November 17, 2007, the Warners conspired with each other, and others, to impede, impair, and obstruct through deceit, trickery, and dishonest means, the lawful functions of the IRS in the assessment and collection of income taxes.

Judge Beistline scheduled sentencing for October 16, 2009. The law for a conviction of this offense provides for a maximum total sentence of five years in prison, a fine of \$ 250,000, or both. The actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offense and the criminal history, if any, of the defendants.

Pending sentencing, the court continued both defendants on previously set conditions of release.

The Internal revenue Service conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Eugene and Lorna Warner.

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