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BARNEGAT, NEW JERSEY CONTRACTOR SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TAX EVASION

TRENTON, N.J. – The owner of a Barnegat, New Jersey construction company was sentenced today to a year and a day in federal prison for failing to report \$242,764 in income, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Daniel Carlo pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Mary L. Cooper on August 4, 2009, to an Information charging him with tax evasion based on his 2005 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. Judge Cooper also imposed the sentence today in Trenton federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

Carlo owns and operates a construction company under the name of "Cartar" from his residence in Barnegat. Carlo admitted that in April 2006, he prepared, signed and filed with the Internal Revenue Service a 2005 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, Form 1040, which stated that his taxable income for calendar year 2005 was \$0. Carlo admitted that he failed to report taxable income of approximately \$242,764, upon which an additional tax of approximately \$78,792 was due to the Internal Revenue Service.

Carlo admitted that in an effort to hide a substantial part of the unreported income, he deposited client receipts into bank accounts held in the name of his wife and daughter.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Cooper ordered Carlo to serve two years of supervised release. Judge Cooper continued the defendant's release on a \$110,000 bond pending his surrender to officials with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons on November 30, 2010.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited Special Agents with IRS – Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge William P. Offord, with the investigation leading to today's guilty plea.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney John J. Hoffman, of the U.S. Attorney's Office Criminal Division in Trenton.

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