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Monmouth County Contractor Charged with Tax Evasion

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NEWARK – The owner of a large Monmouth County landscaping and contracting business was arrested late Thursday after being indicted for tax evasion, U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Christopher M. Aldarelli, Sr., 40, of Howell Township, is charged with three counts of tax evasion, each of which carries a statutory maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Aldarelli appeared today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Madeline Cox Arleo, who set bail at \$100,000 to be secured by real estate owned by his father.

The Indictment sets forth that from 1998 through 2000, Aldarelli ran two corporations, Aldo 1 Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc. and Aldarelli Enterprises, Inc., which performed a large volume of paving, construction, high-end landscaping and lawn-cutting work for both private residences and municipalities.

The businesses were first located in Ocean Township and subsequently Wall Township during the period covered in the Indictment.

The Indictment further sets forth that because the businesses were “S” corporations, Aldarelli was required to report any income derived from them on his U.S. Individual Tax Return, Form 1040. The Indictment further sets forth that for the three years in question, Aldarelli reported that he owed a combined total tax in the amount of just under \$15,000.

The Indictment further alleges that Aldarelli withdrew substantial amounts of cash from the corporate accounts of the two businesses and wrote checks off those accounts which were used to pay personal and other non-business expenses but failed to report these amounts as income. Specifically, the Indictment alleges that for each of the three years of the Indictment, there was a tax due and owing to the IRS by Aldarelli of more than \$100,000.

The case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Stanley R. Chesler in Newark.

The Indictment is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Christie credited Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Patricia J. Haynes, as well as Special Agents of the FBI’s Red Bank Resident Agency, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Pedro D. Ruiz, in Newark, for their work in the investigation of Aldarelli.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark J. McCarren, chief of the Public Protection Unit.

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