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FORMER KODAK EMPLOYEE SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY AND OTHERS

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- Acting U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today the sentencing of Mark Camarata, 46. On September 22, 2005, Camarata pled guilty in front of United States District Court Judge David G. Larimer to a two-count felony information charging conspiracy to commit extortion and money laundering. On March 14, 2008, Camarata pled guilty to filing a false federal income tax return. Today Judge Larimer sentenced Camarata to 24 months in prison and fined him \$20,000. Camarata was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount for \$9,959,953 to the victims in this case, which included Eastman Kodak Company, the Town of Greece, IBM Corporation, and ITT Space Industries.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that Camarata received a much lesser sentence than Charles Schwab, the Assessor for the Town of Greece, and John Nicolo, a real property tax appraiser, due to his extensive cooperation with the government. Camarata was a key witness at the ten week trial in 2008, where he testified for nine days. Schwab and Nicolo each received sentences of 12 years in prison.

The conviction was the culmination of an joint investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Cory Nelson , the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of William E. Kezer, and the Internal Revenue Service under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Patricia J. Haynes, Criminal Investigation Division.