



United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

August 29, 2007 **MIDDLETOWN TAX PREPARER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR PREPARING FALSE RETURNS FOR CLIENTS, EVADING OWN TAXES**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that EUGENE A. CARLIN, age 47, of Middletown, Connecticut, was sentenced today by Chief United States District Judge Robert N. Chatigny in Hartford to 12 months and one day of imprisonment, followed by two years of supervised release, the first six months of which CARLIN must spend confined to his home. On March 30, 2007, CARLIN waived indictment and pleaded guilty to charges of tax evasion and preparing false income tax returns.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, CARLIN operated a tax return preparation business at his home in Middletown from 2002 through 2006. In pleading guilty, CARLIN admitted that he prepared false income tax returns for several clients by inflating deductions, or creating false deductions, which reduced his clients' tax liabilities. CARLIN admitted that he prepared 32 false tax returns for his clients, which resulted in a tax loss to Internal Revenue Service of \$75,348.

CARLIN also admitted that he evaded his own income tax liabilities for 2002, 2003, and 2004 by filing tax returns that claimed his taxable income was \$0 in each year. CARLIN actually owed the Internal Revenue Service a total of \$34,001 for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004.

CARLIN is required to pay to the Internal Revenue Service back taxes of \$34,001, plus penalties and interest, for a total of \$70,513.13. CARLIN's clients are responsible for resolving their own tax liabilities with the Internal Revenue Service.

As a special condition of his supervised release, CARLIN is prohibited from assisting others in preparing tax returns.

This case was investigated by special agents of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anastasia E. King.

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