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FATHER AND SON CHARGED WITH TAX FRAUD
IN OPERATION OF CAPE COD BUSINESS

BOSTON, MA - A father and son from Centerville were charged today in federal court with tax fraud.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Douglas A. Bricker, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, announced today that STEVEN R. BELANGER, 40, and, ROBERT J. BELANGER, 60, both of Old Stage Road, Centerville, Massachusetts, were charged in a Superseding Indictment with conspiring to defraud the United States, and attempting to impair and impede the due administration of the tax laws. ROBERT BELANGER was first indicted in this matter on April 5, 2006. Today BELANGER's son, STEVEN BELANGER, was added to the indictment.

The Superseding Indictment alleges that, during all relevant periods, STEVEN BELANGER and ROBERT BELANGER owned and operated Number One Foundations, a concrete foundation business that primarily serves commercial and residential customers on Cape Cod. It is alleged that STEVEN BELANGER and ROBERT BELANGER systematically concealed hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxable income and profits they earned from their business. According to the Superseding Indictment, among other things, STEVEN BELANGER and ROBERT BELANGER arranged for the purchase of hundreds of thousands of dollars in treasurer's checks to prevent detection of their fraudulent scheme, structured the treasurer's checks to avoid the preparation and filing of Currency Transaction Reports, and understated the gross business receipts of Number One Foundations in their personal tax returns filed with the IRS for calendar years 1999 and 2000.

If convicted, the defendants each face up to 5 years imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine on the conspiracy charge. They each face up to 3 years imprisonment, to be followed by 1 year of supervised release, and \$250,000 fine on the charge of attempting to impair the administration of the tax laws.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda M. Ricci of Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit.

The details contained in the Superseding Indictment are allegations. The defendants are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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