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CAPE COD WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX CONSPIRACY

BOSTON, MA - A Yarmouthport woman was convicted today in federal court of conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Douglas A. Bricker, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Criminal Investigation in New England, announced today that DIANA L. VARJABEDIAN, age 61, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge George A. O'Toole to one count of conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service.

At today's plea hearing, the prosecutor told the Court that had the case proceeded to trial the Government's evidence would have proven that during a period of approximately eight years, VARJABEDIAN conspired with her brother, Edward Varjabedian, former owner of West Harwich Sunoco, to defraud the IRS by assisting Mr. Varjabedian in hiding cash proceeds from his service station business. DIANA VARJABEDIAN accomplished the objectives of the conspiracy by establishing bank accounts in her name alone and allowing Edward Varjabedian to use those accounts as if they were his own. DIANA VARJABEDIAN also opened safe deposit boxes in her name alone for the purpose of hiding cash and West Harwich Sunoco proceeds.

Judge O'Toole scheduled sentencing for July 9, 2007. VARJABEDIAN faces up to five years imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation with assistance from the United States Postal Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lori J Holik of Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit.

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