



## United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

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### NORTH HAVEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX FRAUD

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that RAYMOND G. CLYNE, 43, of Avalon Drive, North Haven, waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty yesterday, February 12, before United States District Judge Mark R. Kravitz in New Haven to one count of filing a false income tax return with the Internal Revenue Service.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, in April 2004, CLYNE filed his federal income tax return for calendar year 2003 on which he showed taxable income of \$98,613. In fact, in 2003 while he was an employee of Southwestern Bell Communications ("SBC"), CLYNE received a payment of \$42,862.50 from Thomas J. Kennedy III that he failed to report. The payment was for CLYNE's assistance in the approval of a company, with which Kennedy was affiliated, as an SBC subcontractor.

Kennedy pleaded guilty to mail fraud and tax fraud charges stemming from his participation in a scheme to defraud the Federal Communications Commission of E-Rate funds, which are provided to financially troubled school districts to upgrade their Internet capabilities. SBC was the general contractor for Internet upgrades in four Connecticut school districts and used subcontractors to perform some of the work. On January 23, 2008, Kennedy was sentenced to 21 months of imprisonment. He is scheduled to report to prison on March 10.

Judge Kravitz has scheduled CLYNE's sentencing for May 2, 2008, at which time CLYNE faces a maximum term of imprisonment of three years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Calvin B. Kurimai.

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