

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Cathy L. Waldor
: :
v. : Mag. No. 12-
: :
JOSEPH CARTAGENA : 26 U.S.C. § 7203
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I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by indictment and having waived any objection to venue, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

COUNT ONE
(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. At all times relevant to this Information, defendant JOSEPH CARTAGENA was a rapper, entertainer, and actor performing under the stage name "Fat Joe."

2. At all times relevant to this Information, JOSEPH CARTAGENA received income from touring to promote his music, as well as royalties based upon sales of his music.

3. At all times relevant to this Information, JOSEPH CARTAGENA was paid income by three different sources: Terror Squad Production Inc. ("Terror Squad"), Miramar Music Touring, Inc. ("Miramar"), and FJTS, Corp. ("FJTS"). JOSEPH CARTAGENA owned both Terror Squad Production and Miramar, and both companies were C Corporations based in Somerville, New Jersey.

FJTS was owned by F.C., a booking agent for JOSEPH CARTAGENA. Payments made to FJTS from booking agents and event promoters were either wired to Terror Squad Production or Miramar, or were directly sent to JOSEPH CARTAGENA.

4. During the calendar year 2007, JOSEPH CARTAGENA had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$1,300,000.

5. Having received this income, JOSEPH CARTAGENA was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2007, and on or before April 15, 2008, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

6. On or about April 15, 2008, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH CARTAGENA,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT TWO
(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Count One of this Information are realleged as if set forth in full herein.

2. During the calendar year 2008, JOSEPH CARTAGENA had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$1,400,000.

3. Having received this income, JOSEPH CARTAGENA was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2008, and on or before April 15, 2009, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

4. On or about April 15, 2009, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH CARTAGENA,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT THREE

(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Count One of this Information are realleged as if set forth in full herein.

2. During the calendar year 2009, JOSEPH CARTAGENA had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$320,000.

3. Having received this income, JOSEPH CARTAGENA was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2009, and on or before April 15, 2010, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

4. On or about April 15, 2010, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH CARTAGENA,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FOUR
(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Count One of this Information are realleged as if set forth in full herein.

2. During the calendar year 2010, JOSEPH CARTAGENA had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$680,000.

3. Having received this income, JOSEPH CARTAGENA was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2010, and on or before April 18, 2011, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

4. On or about April 18, 2011, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH CARTAGENA,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.



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