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PRESS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and Charles R. Pine, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, New York Field Office, make the following announcement:

As a result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Criminal Investigation Division, Wayne A. Stein, 58, of Delhi, New York pled guilty today in Syracuse, New York, before U.S. Magistrate Judge David E. Peebles, to a five-count Information charging him with willful failure to file tax returns, in violation of Title, 26, United States Code, Section 7203. Stein's guilty pleas were for failing to file tax returns for calendar years 2003-2007.

Stein has not filed a federal tax return since 1994. Prior to 1995, Stein filed returns on an annual basis. Stein is a self-employed contractor in Delaware County, New York, in the home remodeling business. During the years 2003 to 2007, Stein had gross receipts from his business of at least \$94,594.81, \$92,318.00, \$96,435.40, \$115,097.70, and \$30,786.08, respectively. Pursuant to federal tax laws, a self-employed individual who receives more than \$400.00 net profit from his business in a calendar year is required to file a tax return. The IRS calculated Stein's tax due and owing for calendar years 2003-2007 to be \$77,010.00. The IRS previously

assessed Stein with a tax due of \$70,332.00 for the tax years 1998-2002, during which time period he failed to file returns.

Stein faces a maximum period of imprisonment of one year, and a \$100,000 fine, for each count of conviction. Sentencing has been scheduled for May 20, 2011, in federal court in Binghamton, New York.

The case was investigated by IRS CI Special Agent Cheryl Parker, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin P. Dooley. Further inquiries may be directed to the United States Attorney's Office, Binghamton branch office at (607) 773-2887.