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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, New York Field Office - Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, make the following announcement:

Douglas M. Cavanaugh, Jr., 45, formerly of Binghamton, New York, was arraigned today in United States District Court, Binghamton, on an indictment which charges Cavanaugh with six counts of filing false claims for tax refunds from the Internal Revenue Service. The indictment was originally filed under seal in December 2010, and a warrant was issued for Cavanaugh's arrest. On March 23, 2011, Cavanaugh was arrested by U.S. Marshals at Los Angeles International Airport shortly after Cavanaugh arrived on a flight which originated in Brisbane, Australia, where Cavanagh now resides.

Cavanaugh appeared before Senior United States District Court Judge Thomas J. McAvoy, who ordered Cavanaugh detained in the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of 5 years, and a maximum fine of \$250,000. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas P. Walsh. Further inquiries may be directed to the United States Attorney's Office, Binghamton branch office, at (607) 773-2887.

¹ The Indictment is only an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.