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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a five-count Information¹ charging Thomas E. Butler with failing to file federal income tax returns for tax years 2001 through 2005. According to the Information, from in or about 2001 through in or about 2005, Butler, a practicing attorney, earned more than approximately \$590,000 through his law practice and failed to file any tax returns and pay the more than approximately \$150,000 in federal taxes due on this income. The Information charged that instead of paying his outstanding federal tax obligations, Butler spent more than at least approximately \$50,000 on expenses incurred through membership dues and house charges at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Thomas E. Butler, Jr.	Philadelphia, PA	61 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a 1 year period of supervised release, \$500,000 fine, a \$125 special assessment, and costs of prosecution. Restitution to the IRS of at least approximately \$152,040 also may be ordered.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Schwartz.

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