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## **NEWS RELEASE**

An Indictment<sup>1</sup> was unsealed today charging Richard P. Kaufman with one count of corruptly endeavoring to obstruct or impede the due administration of the internal revenue laws, three counts of false claims, and four counts of failure to file tax returns, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. According to the indictment, returned yesterday, Kaufman has not filed a legitimate tax return since 1991. The defendant is a dentist licensed in Pennsylvania who attempted to hide his income from the IRS by transferring his house into nominee names, frequently changing the bank into which he deposited his business receipts, and submitting, to the IRS, \$10 million in fictitious documents titled "bonded promissary notes." Kaufman also submitted to the IRS three separate Forms 1040 for tax year 2008 which falsely claimed a total of \$7 million in federal income taxes withheld. In total, Kaufman requested that the IRS send a refund of \$865,041 to his bank account.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Richard P. Kaufman	Glen Mills, PA	1950

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 22 years in prison; three years supervised release; \$1.4 million fine; and \$500 special assessment.

The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joan E. Burnes.

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