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CAR DEALER CHARGED IN TAX FRAUD

PHILADELPHIA - Gary Barbera was charged today by criminal Information¹ with one count of filing false tax returns, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy and IRS, Criminal Investigation Acting Special Agent-in-Charge Troy Stemen. The charge concerns the tax years 2003 and 2004. The charge arises out of Barbera's operation of automobile dealerships bearing his name, Gary Barbera Chryslerland and Gary Barbera Dodgeland.

"The license to run a business is not a license to avoid paying taxes like the rest of us," said Levy. "Mr. Barbera's alleged misconduct, hiding income and having his business pay his purely personal expenses, cheated all Americans, since we all have to pay our fair share for the government services and protections that we enjoy."

"Taxes are essential to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of our government," said Stemen. "Honest, hardworking Americans pay the price when others conceal their income to avoid paying taxes. IRS Criminal Investigation will continue to work with the United States Attorney's office and other law enforcement agencies to vigorously investigate and prosecute those individuals who intentionally conceal their income to evade their tax obligations."

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Gary M. Barbera	Gladwyne PA	45

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of three years in prison, a three-year period of supervised release, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mary E. Crawley.

¹An Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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