IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.
v.	:	DATE FILED
EDGAR BRIDGES	:	VIOLATION: 26 U.S.C. § 7203 (willful failure to supply
	:	required income information - 1 count)

INFORMATION

COUNT ONE

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:

At all times material to this information:

The Defendant

1. Defendant EDGAR BRIDGES, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, was Senior Vice President and Director of Insurance Operations for West Insurance Agency ("West"), which was contracted by the Philadelphia Housing Authority ("PHA") as the broker for its workers' compensation insurance. Prior to his employment at West, defendant BRIDGES was PHA's Insurance Service Manager, providing his expertise and advice to PHA regarding its business with West, among other things.

The Internal Revenue Service

2. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") was an administrative agency within the United States Department of Treasury. The IRS was charged with the responsibility of ascertaining, assessing and collecting, among other things, taxes on individuals, corporations, trusts, estates and other taxable entities.

3. The Internal Revenue Code required every individual who received gross income in excess of the exemption amount established by Congress to make and file a tax return which reported the income received by that individual. Examples of the types of gross income which individuals were required to disclose included compensation for services, including salary, bonuses, fees, commissions, fringe benefits and similar items. Thus, on or before the individual's filing deadline, he or she was required to supply accurate information to the IRS about his or her gross income. An individual's filing deadline was April 15 of the year after the income was received, unless the individual requested and received an extension.

Income from West

- 4. In 2006, in violation of 65 Pa. C.S.A §1103(a), defendant EDGAR BRIDGES secretly negotiated for and accepted his paid position at West when PHA was still paying defendant BRIDGES for his expertise and advice regarding PHA's business with West.
- 5. On or about October 2, 2006, defendant EDGAR BRIDGES began his employment with West and received from West a \$5,000 "bonus," which constituted income.
- 6. On or about January 2, 2007, defendant EDGAR BRIDGES received from West a \$30,000 "bonus," which constituted income.
- 7. On or about October 15, 2008, having requested and received an extension until October 31, 2008 to file a required tax return for the tax year 2007, defendant EDGAR BRIDGES made and filed a tax return which purported to report his true income for 2007, but which in fact underreported his true income by at least \$30,000.

Failure to Supply Information

8. In the calendar year 2007, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

EDGAR BRIDGES,

a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had and received gross income substantially in excess of the minimum filing requirement, that is \$17,500, and that by reason of such gross income he was required by law, on or before October 31, 2008, to make an income tax return to the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or other proper officer of the United States, stating specifically the items of his gross income, and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled; that knowing this, by November 1, 2008, he willfully failed to supply required information, that is his receipt of a \$30,000 "bonus" on or about January 2, 2007, to the Director of the Internal Revenue Service Center, or to any other proper officer of the United States.

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203.

ZANE DAVID MEMEGER V UNITED STATES ATTORNEY