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TAX RETURN PREPARER INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

Carmen Basilis, the owner of Basilis Tax Services, was charged today in a 58-count indictment¹, with tax violations, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Specifically, the indictment charges Basilis with willfully aiding and assisting in the preparation and filing of false federal income tax returns. According to the indictment, Basilis prepared materially false federal income tax returns for tax years 2005 through 2008 by inflating expenses, deductions and dependency exemptions on the tax returns which caused the filers to receive tax refunds in amounts greater than they were entitled to receive.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Carmen Basilis	Allentown, PA	Unknown

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 174 years imprisonment, a fine of \$14.5 million, a special assessment of \$5,800, and 1 year of supervised release.

The case was investigated by Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigation Division and the United States Department of Labor. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Floyd J. Miller.

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