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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX EVASION

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Joseph K. Muller, 52, of Webster, New York, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer, to tax evasion. The charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley E. Tyler, who handled the case, stated that between 2004 and 2008, the defendant operated an accounting firm and failed to pay quarterly withholding taxes for eight Rochester area businesses. Instead of using the proceeds the businesses had given him to pay the quarterly withholding taxes, Muller used the money for his personal expenses. The defendant failed to pay a total of \$755,325,00 to the IRS.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, under the direction of Charles Pine, New York Field Division.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. EST in Rochester, N.Y., before Judge Larimer.

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