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HAVERHILL WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR TAX OFFENSES

BOSTON, MA - A Haverhill woman was sentenced late yesterday in U.S. District Court for causing the failure to file income tax returns for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and JoAnn Zuniga, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation - Boston Field Office, announced today that DARCY A. CARDARELLI, age 52, of 63 Ledge Road, Haverhill, was sentenced by U.S. Magistrate Judge Judith G. Dein to six months imprisonment, to be followed by one year of supervised release. The Court also ordered CARDARELLI to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,227,607 to cover tax loss in this case. CARDARELLI pleaded guilty to causing the failure to file income tax returns for the years 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 on October 14, 2008.

At the earlier plea hearing, the prosecutor told the Court that CARDARELLI, who handled the financial affairs for her and her husband, including assisting in the preparation of their individual tax returns, worked with an accountant to prepare joint tax returns for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The gross income of CARDARELLI'S husband during these years was between \$800,000 and \$1.3 million per year. After the returns were prepared, however, CARDARELLI failed to sign and file them.

As the prosecutor informed the Court at the sentencing hearing, during the relevant tax years, CARDARELLI or her family purchased or leased seven luxury vehicles – including a Ferrari, Maserati, several Mercedes, and a Lamborghini – and also purchased a second home in Florida. In addition, the prosecutor pointed out that prior to these offenses, in 2001 CARDARELLI had a federal tax lien placed on her primary residence for failure to pay taxes incurred during the 2000 tax year.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan M. DiSantis of Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit.

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