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## Southern District of Florida

### Press Release

#### POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION CONTRACTOR CHARGED WITH TAX FRAUD

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##### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

R. Alexander Acosta, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and Daniel W. Auer, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, today announced the unsealing of a four-count Indictment against defendant **John A. Gullett**, of Parkland, FL, on charges that he filed false income tax returns.

Specifically, the Indictment charges that Gullett knowingly and willfully made and subscribed to false Form 1040 Individual Income Tax Returns, statements, and documents for tax years 2002 through 2005. Gullett is charged with underreporting his true gross receipts in 2002 through 2005, and filing the tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service knowing that the returns were not accurate as to every material matter, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

Defendant Gullett made his initial appearance in court today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robin S. Rosenbaum. According to statements made during the hearing, Gullett contracted with the Broward County Police Benevolent Association (BCPBA) and the Dade County Police Benevolent Association (DCPBA) to solicit local businesses to buy advertisements in a book that Gullett published listing local businesses. The book was distributed to PBA members. In exchange, Gullett paid BCPBA and DCPBA between \$3,000 and \$5,000 each per month and he kept whatever funds he raised in excess of these amounts. Defendant Gullett failed to report approximately \$3 million dollars of income received from this operation over the four years charged in the Indictment. Gullett allegedly used these monies to purchase expensive items, including a Lamborghini and a Ferrari.

Mr. Acosta commended the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bertha R. Mitrani.

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