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NORTH BROOKFIELD MAN CHARGED IN TAX SCHEME

BOSTON, MA - A North Brookfield man was charged today in federal court with two counts of tax evasion.

United States Attorney Carmen M. Ortiz and Susan M. Dukes, Special Agent in Charge of the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation, Boston Field Division, announced today that THOMAS RICKABY, age 51, of North Brookfield, Massachusetts, was charged in an Information with 2 counts of Income Tax Evasion.

The Information alleges that RICKABY failed to file federal tax returns for calendar years 1996 through 2005 and that the Internal Revenue Service served him with notices of delinquencies. The Information further alleges that starting in May of 2002 RICKABY subscribed to services offered by Business Management Systems and Contract America, Ltd. to unlawfully conceal his income and assets from the IRS. The first count of the Information charges RICKABY with evasion of payments for delinquent taxes from the earlier years. The second count of the Information charges RICKABY with evasion of assessment for 2005.

If convicted on these charges, RICKABY faces up to 5 years imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$100,000 fine on each count.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Victor A. Wild of Ortiz's Economic Crimes Unit and Trial Attorneys John N. Kane, Jr. and Jeffrey Shih of the Department of Justice Tax Division.

The details contained in the Information are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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