

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Mark Falk  
:   
v. : Mag. No. 12-  
:   
JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. : 26 U.S.C. § 7203  
a/k/a "JOSEPH ROBINSON" :

I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

COUNT ONE

(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. At all times relevant to this Information, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR., a/k/a "JOSEPH ROBINSON" was a resident of Tenafly, New Jersey, and the son of J.R. and S.R.
2. In or about 1979, J.R. and S.R. founded the record label Sugar Hill Records. In or about 1979, Sugar Hill Records released the Sugarhill Gang's eponymous debut album, featuring the song "Rapper's Delight." From in or about 1979 until in or about 1986, Sugar Hill Records released albums by several other hip-hop and rap artists, including Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five, as well as the Treacherous Three. During this same time period, Sugar Hill Records amassed an extensive catalogue of

songs, featuring mostly hip-hop, rap, and rhythm-and-blues artists.

3. At all times relevant to this Information, JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. received royalty payments in connection with the catalogue of songs owned by Sugar Hill Records. In addition, JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. was involved in the music publishing business and received payments in connection with his work as a copyright administrator for various recording artists.

4. During the calendar year 2005, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$321,000.

5. Having received this income, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2005, and on or before April 17, 2006, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

6. On or about April 17, 2006, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR.,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section  
7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT TWO  
(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Count One of this Information are realleged as if set forth in full herein.

2. During the calendar year 2006, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$256,000.

3. Having received this income, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2006, and on or before April 17, 2007, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

4. On or about April 17, 2007, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR.,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT THREE  
(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Count One of this Information are realleged as if set forth in full herein.

2. During the calendar year 2007, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$210,000.

3. Having received this income, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2007, and on or before April 15, 2008, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

4. On or about April 15, 2008, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR.,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FOUR  
(Failure to Make Tax Return)

1. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of Count One of this Information are realleged as if set forth in full herein.

2. During the calendar year 2008, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. had and received total gross income in excess of approximately \$243,000.

3. Having received this income, defendant JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR. was required by law, following the close of the calendar year 2008, and on or before April 15, 2009, to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service stating specifically the items of his gross income and any deductions and credits to which he was entitled.

4. On or about April 15, 2009, in Bergen County, in the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant

JOSEPH ROBINSON, JR.,

knowing and believing the foregoing facts, did knowingly and willfully fail to make an income tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

In violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7203 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

  
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United States Attorney

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