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**MORIARTY TAX PREPARER ARRAIGNED ON FAILURE
TO FILE FEDERAL TAX RETURN CHARGES**

ALBUQUERQUE – United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that, this morning, **Stephen Massoth**, 55, a self-employed tax return preparer who resides in Moriarty, New Mexico, was arraigned on willful failure to file federal tax returns charges in federal court in Albuquerque. Massoth entered a not guilty plea to an indictment charging him with four misdemeanor counts of willful failure to file. If convicted, Massoth faces a maximum penalty of one-year imprisonment and a \$25,000.00 fine on each count of the indictment.

According to the indictment, Massoth willfully failed to file federal tax returns for tax years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 despite earning gross income requiring him to file. The indictment alleges that, during this period, Massoth and his spouse received gross income as follows: \$206,647 in 2004; \$165,043 in 2005; \$178,234 in 2006; and \$200,681 in 2007.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John C. Anderson.

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