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## MAN SENTENCED IN TAX FRAUD CASE

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- United States Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Raymond Benacquista, 61 of Orchard Park, New York, who was convicted of a misdemeanor charge of one count of failure to file an income tax return, was sentenced to 2 years probation, a \$3,000 fine and restitution in the amount of \$120,275 by U.S. District Court Judge Richard J. Arcara. Restitution in the amount of \$120,000 has already been repaid.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron J. Mango, who handled the case, stated that the defendant knowingly failed to report income he received from a business he jointly operated with his spouse, known as Quality Quick Printing. As a result of the failure to report income, the IRS conducted an audit of the defendant and Quality Quick Printing, and determined that for the tax year 2001, the defendant earned corrected taxable income in the amount of \$113,422 from the operation of the printing business. Additionally, it was determined that the defendant failed to report \$136,249 in corrected taxable income for the tax year 2000, and \$50,002 for tax year 2002. The total tax loss to the IRS for the tax years 2000 to 2002 was \$120,275.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division under the direction of Charles Pine, Special Agent in Charge.