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MAN INDICTED ON TAX EVASION CHARGES

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that a federal grand jury in Buffalo, New York, has returned a four-count Indictment charging Edmund Renaud, 69, of Olean, New York, with tax evasion and filing false documents. The charges carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala, who is handling the case, stated that according to the Indictment, the defendant, who has operated various moving and storage businesses in the Olean area for years, namely, Southern Tier Moving and Storage, Inc., and Southern Tier Moving and Storage, LLC, failed to pay taxes incurred from 2001 through 2007. Renaud is also charged with filing two Offers in Compromise to the IRS, which contained false information about his ongoing business operations and ability to pay the taxes due.

The Indictment is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigative Division, under the direction of Charles R. Pine.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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