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ATTORNEY INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

BUFFALO, N.Y.--The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York announced today that a federal grand jury has returned a three-count Indictment charging Lisa M. Yaeger, 48, of Buffalo, N.Y., with filing false tax returns. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala, who is handling the case, stated that the Indictment accuses the defendant, an attorney, of failing to disclose income during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007. Yaeger was employed in a variety of public positions but also continued to maintain a private practice. In each of the years charged, the defendant failed to report substantial amounts of income she received from her private practice. The total tax loss exceeded \$25,000.

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 Special Agent in Charge, 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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