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BERKELEY MAN CHARGED WITH TAX EVASION

Failed to Report More Than \$980,000 of Income

OAKLAND, Calif. – Hugh Leslie Baras, of Berkeley, Calif., today was charged with five counts of tax evasion, United States Attorney Melinda Haag and Special Agent in Charge, IRS Criminal Investigation, Scott O'Briant announced.

According to the indictment, Baras willfully attempted to evade a large part of the income tax due by filing false U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns for the years 2005 through 2009. On those returns, Baras stated that his taxable income for 2005 through 2009 was \$193,385 with tax due was \$29,705. When in fact he knew his taxable income for those years was \$1,176,815 with tax due of \$406,447.

The maximum statutory penalty for each count of tax evasion, in violation of Title 26, U.S.C § 7201 is five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. However, any sentence following conviction would be imposed by the court after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence, 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

Thomas Moore is the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who is prosecuting the case with the assistance of Kathy Tat. The prosecution is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

Please note, an indictment contains only allegations against an individual and, as with all defendants, Baras must be presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Further Information:

Case #: CR 11-00523 SBA

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Electronic court filings and further procedural and docket information are available at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/login.pl>.

Judges' calendars with schedules for upcoming court hearings can be viewed on the court's website at www.cand.uscourts.gov.

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