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**SAN RAMON MAN ARRESTED FOR TAX FRAUD, OBSTRUCTING IRS**  
***Allegedly Used False Social Security Numbers and Fictitious Name***

OAKLAND, Calif. – A resident of San Ramon, Calif., was arrested yesterday after being charged with tax evasion, failure to file tax returns and obstructing the administration of the Internal Revenue laws, United States Attorney Melinda Haag announced.

According to the indictment, Thomas A. Calise willfully attempted to evade payment of income tax due for the calendar years 2001 and 2002 by concealing the existence of an IRS lien on his property and sending a lender a fraudulent release of the IRS lien on his property that he was refinancing. Calise also made false statements to IRS Agents regarding his income and assets. For the calendar years 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007, Calise received gross income in excess of the IRS filing requirements but failed to file income tax returns for each of those years. Calise used a fictitious name and false Social Security number when refinancing a property and used false Social Security numbers on credit applications, which caused an IRS Form 1099 to be issued in those numbers.

The maximum statutory penalty for each count of Tax Evasion, in violation of 26 U.S.C § 7201, is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine; for each count of Failure to File a Tax Return, in violation of 26 U.S.C § 7203, the penalty is one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine;

for each count of obstructing the IRS, in violation of 26 U.S.C § 7212(a), the penalty is three 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 Newman and Stephen Corrigan are the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who are prosecuting this case with the assistance of Kathy Tat. The prosecution is the result of an investigation by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

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

**Further Information:**

Case #: CR 11-669 SBA

A copy of this press release may be found on the U.S. Attorney's Office's website at [www.usdoj.gov/usao/can](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/can).

Electronic court filings and further procedural and docket information are available at K"<https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/login.pl>"<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](http://www.cand.uscourts.gov).

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