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OWNER OF NEWARK TRUCKING COMPANY ADMITS TAX EVASION

Newark, N.J. –The owner of C & A Trucking Company, located in Newark, N.J., pleaded guilty today to tax evasion.

Charles Hammed, 66, a resident of East Hanover, N.J., entered his plea in Newark federal court before U. S. District Judge Susan D. Wigenton. Hammed pleaded guilty to one count of a three count information that charges him with tax evasion for the 2008 tax year. Sentencing is scheduled for January 6, 2015.

“Mr Hammed treated his business income like a personal piggy bank,” stated Jonathan D. Larsen, Acting Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office. “The license to run a business is not a license to skirt your tax obligations.”

According to court documents and statements made in court:

Hammed was the owner Charles Hammed LLC, d/b/a C & Trucking Company. Hammed was responsible for the books and records of C & A Trucking and managed all aspects of the business. Hammed maintained a business checking account at TD Bank where he deposited all checks made payable to Charles Hammed, LLC and C & A Trucking. Hammed reported as income all the business checks he deposited into this business account. Hammed also maintained a personal checking account at TD Bank to which he deposited all business checks made payable to Charles Hammed or Charles Hammed Trucking. Hammed did not report any of these business checks as income.

Between January 2008 and December 2010, Hammed received numerous business checks for construction work performed by C & A Trucking. Hammed diverted

approximately 86 of these checks totaling \$1,780,709 into his personal bank account and did not report them as income on his personal tax returns. Specifically, for the 2008 tax year, Hammed failed to report approximately \$699,689 in taxable income resulting in a tax loss to the government of approximately \$249,656.

In addition, Hammed admitted that for the 2009 tax year he failed to report approximately \$320,835 in taxable income resulting in a tax loss to the government of approximately \$113,584. For the 2010 tax year, Hammed admitted that he failed to report approximately \$96,332 in taxable income resulting in a tax loss to the government of approximately \$36,434.

The charge of tax evasion carries a statutory maximum prison sentence of five years and a statutory maximum fine equal to the greatest of: (1) \$250,000; (2) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary gain derived from the offense; or (3) twice the gross amount of any pecuniary loss sustained by any victims of the offense.

The investigation was conducted by IRS-Criminal Investigation, Newark Field Office, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge Jonathan D. Larsen and the U.S. Attorney's Office, under the direction of U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman.

The Government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deborah J. Gannett.

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