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## LA CROSSE DENTIST INDICTED FOR TAX EVASION

MADISON, WIS. - A federal grand jury in Madison, Wisconsin, indicted a La Crosse, Wisconsin dentist yesterday for tax evasion, announced Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Richard E. Zuckerman of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney Scott C. Blader for the Western District of Wisconsin.

According to the indictment, Frederick G. Kriemelmeyer, 70, operated a dental practice in La Crosse, Wisconsin. In 2007, Kriemelmeyer was ordered by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin to pay \$135,337 to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for unpaid individual income taxes. By December 2012, the IRS had assessed Kriemelmeyer more than \$450,000 in taxes, interest and penalties. Beginning in approximately 2011, Kriemelmeyer allegedly took a number of actions to evade payment of this assessment. The indictment also charges that for the years 2013 through 2015 Kriemelmeyer failed to file tax returns and attempted to evade the taxes due on income from his dental practice. Kriemelmeyer allegedly sought to conceal his income from the IRS, by among other things, directing his patients to pay in cash or with personal checks that left the payee line blank and by paying his business and personal expenses with cash and third-party checks.

An indictment merely alleges that crimes have been committed. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

If convicted, Kriemelmeyer faces a statutory maximum sentence of five years in prison for each of the tax evasion counts.

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Zuckerman and U.S. Attorney Blader commended special agents of IRS Criminal Investigation, who conducted the investigation, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman and Trial Attorney Eric C. Schmale of the Tax Division, who are prosecuting the case.

Additional information about the Tax Division and its enforcement efforts may be found on the division's <u>website</u>.