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**DOC EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT
TO TAX EVASION**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; ROSE GILL HEARN, Commissioner for the City of New York Department of Investigation; and MICHAEL J. THOMAS, Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division; announced that ANTHONY S. SERRA pleaded guilty today in Manhattan federal court to a tax evasion charge relating to his failure to report income and his claims of false expenses on his tax returns for the years 1998, 2001, and 2002.

According to the Information to which SERRA pleaded guilty, SERRA was Bureau Chief of the New York City Department of Corrections (the "DOC"). Among his responsibilities, SERRA oversaw the management of New York City jails such as Rikers Island. In addition to his employment with the DOC, in 1998, 2001, and 2002, SERRA was also retained by various political organizations – including the New York Republican State Committee and the Friends of Pataki – to provide elections-related services for them. Among other things, SERRA, either directly or through businesses he

controlled, provided personnel to work as poll-watchers, security guards, and drivers for the political organizations that retained him. In exchange for these services, SERRA was paid fees and reimbursed for his expenses. According to the Information, SERRA failed to report income and falsely claimed expenses from his elections services business in 1998, 2001, and 2002.

SERRA, 44, faces a maximum term of five years' incarceration on the tax evasion charge, as well as a maximum fine of \$250,000, and three years supervised release.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of the New York City Department of Investigation and the New York Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division.

Assistant United States Attorneys RONNIE ABRAMS and W.S. WILSON LEUNG are in charge of the prosecution.

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