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COSMETIC SURGEON SENTENCED TO PROBATION, FINED \$240,000, FOR FAILING TO PAY FEDERAL TAXES

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that DR. TERESITA MASCARDO, age 59 of Ridgefield, Connecticut, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Ellen Bree Burns in New Haven to five years of probation, the first four months of which she must spend confined to her home with electronic monitoring. On March 29, 2007, MASCARDO pleaded guilty to one count of making and subscribing a false income tax return. On that same date, TERESITA MASCARDO, M.D., P.C., the professional corporation through which MASCARDO conducted her medical practice, pleaded guilty to a charge of tax evasion.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, MASCARDO is a surgeon whose practice involves elective cosmetic surgery and reconstructive surgery, and she maintained offices in Manhattan, Ridgefield and Danbury. In pleading guilty, MASCARDO admitted that, during the years 1998 through 2001, she skimmed receipts of her professional corporation, but did not record these receipts on the books and records of the corporation. On her 2001 individual income tax return filed with the IRS, MASCARDO reported income in the amount of \$179,005, but omitted additional amounts of income, which she had skimmed from her professional corporation. MASCARDO's total tax deficiency for the 2001 tax year amounted to approximately \$4,726. Similarly, MASCARDO's professional corporation did not report the skimmed receipts as income on its corporate tax return for the year 2000, resulting in a total tax deficiency of \$17,206 for that year.

Today, Judge Burns ordered MASCARDO to pay a fine in the amount of \$30,000, and her professional corporation to pay a fine of \$210,000. MASCARDO and her professional corporation have also fully paid the taxes due and owing for the years 1998 through 2001, along with substantial penalties and interest.

As a special condition of probation, Judge Burns ordered MASCARDO to provide her specialized medical services at no cost to 100 patients in need.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation Division. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John A. Marrella.

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