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**FORMER MAYOR OF NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY  
AND WIFE SENTENCED FOR TAX EVASION SCHEME**

NEWARK, N.J. – Leonard Kaiser, formerly mayor of North Arlington, executive director of the Bergen County Utilities Authority, and a commissioner of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, was sentenced today along with his wife for attempted tax evasion, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced. Leonard and Barbara Kaiser were each sentenced to a year of probation.

Leonard Kaiser, 61, and Barbara Kaiser, 60, both of North Arlington, each pleaded guilty on January 21, 2010, to an Information charging them with attempting to evade income tax due on over \$28,000 in unreported income that they took from the campaign account of Leonard Kaiser. The defendants entered their guilty pleas before United States District Judge Dennis M. Cavanaugh, who also imposed today's sentence in Newark federal court.

According to the Information filed in this case and statements made in court:

Leonard and Barbara Kaiser established the election fund in connection with Leonard Kaiser's 2002 mayoral reelection campaign. Barbara Kaiser served as Treasurer of the election fund.

At their plea hearing, Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser admitted that while they knew that New Jersey election laws prohibited the personal use of campaign funds, they nevertheless caused a number of checks to be issued from the election fund to Barbara Kaiser, personally, after Leonard Kaiser lost the 2002 election. Though many of the checks indicated on their face that they were for "salary," the payments were neither disclosed on campaign finance forms filed with the N.J. Election Law Enforcement Commission, nor reported as income to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). The Kaisers admitted that from 2002 to about 2004, they received just under \$30,000 in income from the election fund that they deliberately did not report as income on their federal tax returns in order to avoid paying taxes.

In determining the sentences, Judge Cavanaugh consulted the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendants' criminal history, if any, and other factors.

Fishman credited Special Agents of the IRS, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge William P. Offord, and Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the

direction of Michael B. Ward, with investigation of the case leading to today's sentences.

The United States is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Thomas R. Calcagni and Rachael A. Honig of the U.S. Attorney's Office Special Prosecutions Division, in Newark.

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