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REHOBOTH BEACH STORE OWNER INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

(Wilmington, DE) – Director of Revenue Patrick T. Carter announced today that the grand jury for the Superior Court in New Castle County returned an indictment against a self-employed retail store owner based in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Jeanne P. Smith, 66, was charged with three counts of failing to file a State of Delaware personal income tax return for taxable years 2007 through 2009. During this three-year period, Smith failed to report more than \$750,000 received in connection with her Sears retail store operating in Rehoboth.

According to the indictment, Smith was self-employed and was responsible for her own income taxes. Smith received a 1099 form each year reflecting her taxable income, yet failed to file state income tax returns as required and pay state taxes estimated at more than \$7,000.

“Most Delaware business owners do an excellent job of satisfying the state’s requirements for filing and paying their personal and business taxes. We owe it to the people who work hard every day and pay their taxes to ensure that Delaware’s tax laws are administered fairly,” said Carter.

The charges against Smith stem from an investigation conducted by the Delaware Division of Revenue’s Criminal Investigation Unit and referred to the Delaware Attorney General’s Office for indictment and prosecution.

The misdemeanor tax offenses are each punishable by up to a maximum one-year imprisonment and up to \$2,300 in fines.

Smith awaits arraignment and trial date in Superior Court in Wilmington.

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