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## **LOCAL ATTORNEY INDICTED ON TAX EVASION CHARGES**

*Loss to the IRS approximately \$73,000*

**Shreveport, Louisiana . . . TOMMY K. CRYER, age 57, of Shreveport,** has been indicted by a federal grand jury on tax evasion charges, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced today.

CRYER is charged in the indictment with two counts of tax evasion. The indictment alleges that during calendar year 2000 and 2001, CRYER, an attorney in Shreveport, attempted to evade payment of income tax to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It is alleged in the indictment that CRYER created a trust, listing himself as the trustee, and received payments of dividends, interest and stock income to that trust. The indictment further alleges that CRYER concealed his receipt of these sources of income from the IRS by failing to file a tax return on behalf of that trust. The amount of loss to the IRS is approximately \$73,000.

If convicted, CRYER faces up to 5 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, on each count.

An indictment is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Defendants are entitled to a presumption of innocence under the law, and the government has the burden of proving every element of the charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl M. Campbell.

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