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**Owner of Five Dunkin' Donuts Establishments Charged with
Not Paying State Taxes**

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced today that a joint investigation conducted by his Economic Crime Unit (ECU) and the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation, Office of Criminal Investigation, has resulted in the arrest of David D. Murray (DOB 7/8/67) of Sand Pond Road, Hardwick, NJ.

Murray was taken into custody at his Warren County residence at approximately 7 a.m. on September 27 by members of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office with assistance from the New Jersey State Police.

Murray is the owner of five Dunkin' Donuts establishments in Warren County. The investigation revealed that, between December 4, 2009 and August 31, 2011, Murray collected sales tax at his businesses and failed to remit those taxes to the state, representing a loss in tax revenue of approximately \$156,500 to the State of New Jersey.

Murray was charged with N.J.S.A. 2C:20-9, Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property Received, and N.J.S.A. 2C:21-15, Misapplication of Entrusted Property and Property of Government or Financial Institution. Both are second-degree crimes, each carrying a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$150,000 fine.

Mercer County Superior Court Judge Thomas Sumners set bail for Murray at \$35,000.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor James Scott, chief of the ECU.

Despite having been charged, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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