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Sentencing in NY Lottery Scam



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that EDUARDO MORAN-BARRERA, 63, of Bronx, NY, was sentenced to 2 ¹/₃ to 7 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On August 9, 2017, MORAN-BARRERA pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Tax Fraud in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony.

In the years 2012 through 2015, in the borough of Bronx, New York, MORAN-BARRERA failed to file personal New York State Income tax forms despite claiming winnings from the New York State Lottery. MORAN-BARRERA personally appeared at the lottery claim centers and filled out the necessary documentation to claim his winnings. It was recorded that MORAN-BARRERA claimed \$955,895 in lottery winnings.

MORAN-BARRERA was also order to pay restitution to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance in the amount of \$260,796 for the back taxes owed.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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