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taxes by paying employees a portion of their salaries "off the books" in cash. Anthony and Nicholas also admitted they caused their accountant to prepare and ...

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Two owners of a popular South Philadelphia cheesesteak restaurant pleaded guilty today to conspiring to defraud the IRS.

According to court documents and statements made in court, Anthony Lucidonio Sr., 82, and his son, Nicholas Lucidonio, 55, both of New Jersey, owned and operated Tony Luke's, a cheesesteak and sandwich restaurant located in South Philadelphia. In an indictment returned on July 24, 2020, both were charged with a 10-year

conspiracy to defraud the IRS by concealing more than \$8 million in business

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Anthony and Nicholas Lucidonio are scheduled to be sentenced at a later date, and both men face a maximum sentence of five years in prison for conspiring to defraud the United States. They also face a period of supervised release, restitution and monetary penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Acting Deputy Assistant Attorney General Stuart M. Goldberg of the Justice Department's Tax Division and U.S. Attorney Jennifer Williams for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania made the announcement.

IRS-Criminal Investigation is investigating the case.

[Source: U.S. Department of Justice.]

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