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Details: 72-MM-113327 CIP:cip The following investigation was conducted by [REDACTED] on October 26, 2010. Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] U.S. Attorney's Office, 303 Marconi Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio, telephone, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was interviewed telephonically regarding Arthur Shapiro. [REDACTED] advised that Shapiro was a target of a tax fraud case being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's office. Specifically, the case was an administrative case investigated by the IRS, whereby fraudulent or bogus tax shelters were created. Shapiro was an attorney, and Berry Kessler was an accountant and co-defendant in the case. Prior to Shapiro's death, Shapiro, his attorney, and [REDACTED] had agreed to a negotiated plea agreement whereby Shapiro was to plead guilty to tax fraud. [REDACTED] could not recall if Shapiro's cooperation against co-defendants was a condition of his plea agreement. Shapiro was killed prior to him entering a guilty plea in the case. Co-defendant Kessler eventually pled guilty to the tax fraud. Attorney John Zonack (phonetic) represented Berry Kessler in the tax case, and [REDACTED] informed Zonack of Shapiro's intention to plead guilty prior to Shapiro's death. [REDACTED] was unfamiliar with the specifics of Shapiro's murder and was not involved in the case but understand many in the Columbus area suspected Kessler of the murder. [REDACTED] was unsure if there was a third co-defendant in the tax fraud case.

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