# STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

#### In the Matter of the Petition

## of

#### CARMEN V. RODRIGUEZ

#### AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund Gift of Taxes under Article(s) 26-A of the Tax Law for the Xear (a) QFx Poriod(s) Quarter ending 9/30/73.

State of New York County of Albany

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that Bruce Batchelor she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the  $_{8\mathrm{th}}$  day of  $_{\mathrm{December}}$  , 19 $_{76}$  , she served the within by (certified) mail upon Carmen V. Notice of Decision Rodriguez (mappessentrative xof) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mrs. Carmen V. Rodriguez

6 New Street East Norwalk, Connecticut 06855

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative ofixing) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the tast known address of the (representative vof the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

8 th

day of December , 1976. Kruce Batchelu

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# STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

STATE TAX COMMISSION

TAX APPEALS BUREAU STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

December 8, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Mrs. Carmen V. Rodrigues 6 New Street East Norwalk, Connecticut 06855

## Dear Mrs. Rodrigues:

Please take notice of the **DECISION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(**1**) **1007(b**) of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

PAUL B. COBURN SUPERVISING TAX HEARING OFFICER

Enc.

# cc: <u>Petitioner's Representative</u>:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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# STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

CARMEN V. RODRIGUEZ

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Gift Tax under Article 26-A of the Tax Law for the Quarter ending September 30, 1973.

Petitioner, Carmen V. Rodriguez, residing at 6 New Street, East Norwalk Connecticut, 06855, has filed a petition for refund of gift tax under Article 26-A of the Tax Law for the quarter ending September 30, 1973. (File No. 00327). A formal hearing was held before Michael Alexander, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on August 18, 1976 at 9:15 A.M. Petitioner appeared <u>pro se</u>. The Miscellaneous Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Michael Weinstein, Esq. of counsel).

#### ISSUE

Whether petitioner, Carmen V. Rodriguez, had reasonable cause for failing to file New York State gift tax returns for the calendar quarter ending September 30, 1973.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 10, 1973, petitioner, Carmen V. Rodriguez, then residing in New York State, made two \$30,000.00 gifts to her sons and filed two Federal gift tax returns for the calendar quarter ending September 30, 1973, but was not advised by her accountant that she was required to file a New York State Resident Quarterly Gift Tax Return.

2. On April 15, 1974, the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau wrote petitioner advising that no New York State gift tax return had been received, enclosed such returns and instructed the petitioner to file the returns and remit the tax due therewith.

3. Returns dated April 22, 1974, were filed and the tax, as computed on the return, was enclosed under cover of a letter of April 22, 1974, which advised that petitioner, Carmen V. Rodriguez, and her accountant were unaware that this tax was applicable.

4. On June 24, 1974, a Notice and Demand for Payment of Gift Tax Due was sent to petitioner, Carmen V. Rodriguez, stating additional tax due, interest and penalty. The additional tax and interest were paid by check under cover of a June 26, 1974 letter from petitioner. The penalty of \$210.00 was not paid and cancellation thereof was requested.

5. On August 19, 1974, petitioner paid the penalty of \$210.00 and applied for refund thereof.

6. By letter of September 5, 1975, petitioner, Carmen V. Rodriguez's, application for refund was denied.

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# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

That petitioner, Carmen V. Rodriguez, had reasonable A. cause for failing to file New York State resident quarterly gift tax returns for the calendar quarter ending September 30, 1973, and therefore, the penalty collected should be refunded.

DATED: Albany, New York December 8, 1976

STATE TAX COMMISSION PRESIDENT