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## *Morgantown Resident Indicted on Tax Charges*

MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 35 year old Morgantown, West Virginia, resident was named in an Indictment returned on May 17, 2011, by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced that ROBERT LIGHTNER was named in a four-count Indictment charging him with violations of federal tax laws. The Indictment alleges that LIGHTNER made false statements under penalties of perjury on Corporate Tax Returns for the Tax Years 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 when filing tax returns for Z Club, Inc. The specific information alleged in the Indictment includes:

| Tax Year | Stated Taxable Income on Form 1120-A | Should Have Reported Taxable Income in the Amount of |
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| 2004     | \$0.00                               | \$165,598  |
| 2005     | \$17,574                             | \$153,803  |
| 2006     | \$22,257                             | \$123,318  |
| 2007     | \$2,389                              | \$148,179  |

If convicted, LIGHTNER faces a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on each count of the Indictment.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert H. McWilliams, Jr. The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.