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Event: Indictment

Defendant: Michael Hennessy

Lake Orion Man Indicted on Tax Evasion

Michael Hennessy, of Lake Orion, was arraigned today in United States District Court after being indicted on four counts of tax evasion, announced United States Attorney Terrence Berg.

Mr. Berg was joined in an announcement by Special Agent in Charge Maurice M. Aouate, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

According to the indictment, for the tax years 2000 through 2003, Hennessy received taxable income of over \$1.1 million, and failed to report this income and file tax returns. He also tried to conceal this income from the Internal Revenue Service and failed to pay over \$300,000 in taxes due and owing.

United States Attorney Berg said, "Enforcing the law against individuals who intentionally conceal income and evade taxes is a vital element in maintaining public confidence in our tax system. We should not expect the honest taxpayer to foot the bill for those who hide income from the IRS."

"The law is crystal clear; people must pay their taxes," said Aouate. "IRS Criminal Investigation will vigorously investigate those individuals who knowingly and willfully evade their tax obligation."

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is entitled to a fair trial in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case was investigated by special agents of the IRS Criminal Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven P. Cares.