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ST. CHARLES AREA MAN INDICTED FOR FILING FALSE TAX RETURNS

St. Louis, MO: Patrick Moriarty was indicted on charges of filing false tax returns, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway announced today.

The indictment alleges that Moriarty falsified his tax returns for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. For the year 2002, it is alleged that Moriarty under reported his business income. For 2003, it is alleged that he falsely claimed that he had legal fees of \$30,000. For 2004 and 2005, it is alleged that he falsely claimed that he had over \$20,000 in taxes withheld from his earnings.

Moriarty, of St. Charles County, Missouri, was indicted by a federal jury on four felony counts of filing false tax returns.

"IRS Criminal Investigation directs its efforts at those taxpayers who willfully and intentionally violate their known legal duty to voluntarily pay the correct amount of income taxes," said Toni Weirauch, Special Agent in Charge of IRS-Criminal Investigation. "Tax compliance should be equally shared by all Americans."

If convicted, each count carries a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Hanaway commended the work performed on the case by Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation and Assistant United States Attorney Rosemary Meyers, who is handling the case for the U.S. Attorney's office.

The charges set forth in an indictment are merely accusations, and each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.