



**United States Department of Justice  
United States Attorney's Office  
District of Minnesota**

## **News Release**

**B. Todd Jones,  
United States Attorney**

**Jeanne F. Cooney  
Director of Community Relations  
(612) 664-5611  
email: [jeanne.cooney@usdoj.gov](mailto:jeanne.cooney@usdoj.gov)**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
Tuesday, September 20, 2011  
[WWW.JUSTICE.GOV/USAO/MN](http://WWW.JUSTICE.GOV/USAO/MN)

### **Man pleads guilty to filing a false tax return**

MINNEAPOLIS—Earlier today in federal court, a man pleaded guilty to filing a false federal corporate income tax return for his business, Finline Lakeshore, Inc. John Joseph Bridge pleaded guilty to one count of filing a false return. Bridge, who was charged on September 2, 2011, entered his plea before United States District Court Judge John R. Tunheim.

In his plea agreement, Bridge admitted that on January 22, 2009, he filed a false 2008 U.S. Corporate Income Tax Return, specifically understating the amount of Finline's gross revenue by approximately \$89,000. From 2006 to the present, Bridge was one of three partners at Finline and was responsible for providing accurate information to tax preparation personnel in connection with the preparation and filing of Finline's tax returns.

For his crime, Bridge faces a potential maximum penalty of three years in prison. Judge Tunheim will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled. This case is the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Genrich.

###

*Per U.S. Department of Justice policy, the U.S. Attorney's Office is not allowed to provide the age and city of residence for defendants charged in criminal tax cases.*