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## PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Patricia J. Haynes, Special Agent-in-Charge, Internal Revenue Service, New York Field Office announced today that a federal grand jury in Albany has returned a twenty-four count indictment against JAMES P. AIMI, age 64, of Ancram, New York.<sup>1</sup> The indictment was returned on March 23, 2011.

The Indictment charges that AIMI assisted in the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of 24 U.S. Individual or Joint Income Tax Returns, Forms 1040 and 1040x for 6 different taxpayers in tax years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, each of which claimed false and fraudulent deductions. If convicted, AIMI faces a maximum penalty of 3 years imprisonment on each count. He also faces a fine of up to \$100,000.00.

This case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Hanlon.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.