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Morgantown Resident Enters Guilty Plea to Tax Violation

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 36 year old Morgantown, West Virginia, resident entered a plea of guilty on August 30, 2011, in United States District Court in Clarksburg before Judge Irene M. Keeley.

United States Attorney William J. Ihlenfeld, II, announced that **ROBERT L. LIGHTNER** entered a plea of guilty to one count of an Indictment charging him with making a false statement on a corporate tax return for the 2004 calendar year, which was filed on March 23, 2007.

LIGHTNER, who is currently free on bond pending sentencing, faces a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

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

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