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Barrington marina owner who collected sales taxes but kept the money is arrested, charged

Chicago – A Barrington Marina owner was arrested by Illinois Department of Revenue criminal investigators and charged with not filing sales tax returns for boats that he had sold.

Kevin J. Phillips, 51 of Elk Grove Village, owner of Barrington Marine, 99 Kazimour Dr., Barrington, was indicted October 12 by a Lake County Grand Jury on 11 counts of *Failure to File a Sales Tax Return*. This failure to file is defined as a class 3 felony, and subjects those found guilty to potential fines and incarceration.

Phillips is alleged to have sold watercraft to individuals while collecting sales tax from them, without subsequently filing the sales tax return or remitting the tax to the department. Investigators have since been able to obtain clearance for the boat purchasers so that they can gain title and register their watercraft.

The case was a joint effort by the department's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, department tax auditors, and investigators from the Department of Natural Resources.

In 1999 Phillips pleaded guilty to a single count of Failure to File a Sales Tax Return, as a result of a similar investigation.

Phillips is scheduled to appear in Lake County Circuit Court on December 6. The case will be prosecuted by the Office of Attorney General Lisa Madigan.