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Poker Indictments: What should on-line players do now?

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It has been reported that at a bail hearing for one of the defendants in the on-line poker criminal case a hard drive was delivered to the U.S. Atty by the defendant. If true one can speculate about the contents, but players from the U.S. who played in real money games should expect that the [IRS](#) will end up with the data.

So what does that mean, well if a player has unreported income from winnings on off-shore poker sites, the player should consider the following options: a) do nothing and hope the [IRS](#) doesn't audit, b) figure out how much was won and lost by year and consider amending returns if there is a net win by year, c) if the player account balance in the offshore accounts was \$10,000 or more in any year, consider filing FBAR's for that year, d) If the unreported income is substantial, the e) consider making a "voluntary disclosure". If the [IRS](#) or other investigative agencies start initiate an investigation then a voluntary disclosure will be rejected. A preliminary approval is possible before submission of a full voluntary disclosure.

The argument could be made that there are so many players that the [IRS](#) may not get to me. The [IRS](#) may not, it may just sort the data and reach out to the top X% if players. However, some will be reached. The point is, now is the time to think and act rather than wait to respond to an audit letter or worse criminal tax fraud charges.

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