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The IRS Got AL Capone and now they are out to get online poker!!!

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In a recent [article](#) in the Vancouver Sun the [IRS](#) Criminal Investigation Division made its intention to prosecute owners and operators of online poker site clear.

“[IRS](#) Criminal Investigation will vigorously investigate and recommend prosecution against the owners and operators of these illegal enterprises to the fullest extent possible,” said Internal Revenue Service special agent in charge Rebecca Sparkman.”

This statement would seem to imply that there are others beyond those individuals already indicted who will face prosecution. There may be many more who face charges once the records of the sites are obtained or names and roles revealed as part of pleas. There may be others in addition to owners and operators that may face justice, like players, and those who had supporting roles.

One thing is clear, the prosecutions are not in fact limited to the 11 named in the Black Friday indictments and those named in the recent Maryland indictments, but rather there is much more to come. It may be time for some people to consider voluntary disclosures by which they may avoid prosecution. The risk is not just civil tax audits and penalties, it is now clear that the risk is criminal prosecution for tax crimes. What crimes, well, tax evasion, false statement crimes, and the ominous obstruction based crimes. Remember the lesson of history, Al Capone went to jail on tax charges.

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