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**NEWS SUMMARY:** Racine Resident Pleas Guilty to Federal Charges

The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced today that Dennis Musurlian, age 65, pled guilty before District Judge J. P. Stadtmueller to possessing a bomb in 2003 and willfully filing a false corporate tax return for 1997.

Musurlian operates American Auto and Truck Repair located in Racine, Wisconsin. The business was operated by Muscorp, Ltd, which, filed Corporate Income Tax Returns for the years 1991 through 1997. Musurlian pled guilty to understating that business' gross receipts by more than \$120,000 for 1997.

Special Agents with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Criminal Investigation Division obtained and executed a search warrant for the business premises on August 27, 2003. During the execution of the warrant, a pipe bomb was discovered. Musurlian also pled guilty to illegal possession of that bomb.

Musurlian faces a maximum of 13 years in prison and a fine of up to \$500,000.

The case was investigated by the IRS – Criminal Investigation Division and the United State Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case has been prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mel S. Johnson.

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