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### Anoka Man Facing Felony Tax Charges

**Saint Paul** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that the Anoka County Attorney's Office recently charged Corey Coons, 55, of Anoka, with four felony tax crimes.

Coons is charged with four counts of filing a fraudulent return for tax years 2005 through 2008.

According to the complaint, Coons filed joint tax returns with his wife for tax years 2005 through 2008. He allegedly claimed a larger amount of tax was withheld from his checks than was actually withheld by his employer.

The complaint also states Coons admitted he prepared each of the tax returns and claimed higher exemptions than he was entitled to, so less would be withheld from his check.

Each felony is punishable by up to five years in prison, up to a \$10,000 fine, or both.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue has a 24-hour tip line for anyone who suspects an individual or business is violating tax laws, at (651) 297-5195 or 1-800-657-3500. Tipsters may remain anonymous and can also email the department at [tax.fraud@state.mn.us](mailto:tax.fraud@state.mn.us). Last year, citizen tips resulted in 75 percent of the department's criminal case referrals.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue is dedicated to enforcing tax laws, collecting no more and no less than taxpayers owe. It takes progressively stricter measures against taxpayers who demonstrate they will not voluntarily meet their obligations.

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