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Lonsdale Man Pleads Guilty to Felony Tax Charges

Saint Paul – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that Bryan Loel Nelson, 49, of Lonsdale, recently pleaded guilty in Dakota County court on felony tax charges. He pleaded guilty to five charges of filing fraudulent tax returns for tax years 2003 through 2006.

Nelson was sentenced to one year in jail and placed on probation for five years. He was also ordered to pay restitution. It is estimated that he owes the state more than \$218,000 in income tax, penalty and interest.

According to the June 2009 complaint, Nelson worked as a project manager for a Minnesota construction company between 2002 and 2005. During that time, Nelson admitted to cashing numerous checks the construction company wrote to subcontractors and kept the money for personal use. Nelson admitted he never paid taxes on the \$600,000 he deposited into his account from these checks, according to an Apple Valley police report.

Nelson completed several side jobs in 2004 and admitted he was paid between \$25,000 and \$40,000 under the table by his customers.

It is estimated that Nelson owes the state more than \$9,000 for 2002, \$38,000 for 2003, \$43,000 for 2004, \$78,000 for 2005 and \$48,000 for 2006 for a total of \$218,000. He has been ordered to pay restitution to the state in the amount of \$239,000.

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. 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 that they will not voluntarily meet their obligations.

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