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### Edina Couple Facing Felony Tax Charges

**St. Paul, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office charged Krista Gresham, 43, and her husband Michael Gresham, 48, of Edina, with eight tax crimes each.

The Greshams are each charged with four felony counts of knowingly filing false or fraudulent Minnesota individual income tax returns during tax years 2006 through 2009. They’re also charged with four gross misdemeanor counts of willful failure to pay Minnesota individual income taxes during the same period.

According to the complaint, the Greshams overstated their Minnesota income tax withholding by \$4,400. As a result, their refunds and reduced tax payments totaled \$875, though they actually owed the state the overstated \$4,400, not counting interest and penalty payments. The complaint also stated that the Greshams overstated their federal income tax withholding by \$6,973.

The complaint said the department sent the Greshams an audit report in 2009, directing that they pay the excess withholding they reported on their 2006 income tax return. Krista Gresham sent a check to the department for the \$471.94 due the state, but the Greshams did not respond to a later department request for more information on the inflated withholding amount on their 2007 tax return.

Each felony is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Each gross misdemeanor is punishable by up to a year in prison and a \$3,000 fine.

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 89 percent of the department’s criminal case referrals.

While most taxpayers comply with tax laws voluntarily, the Minnesota Department of Revenue takes progressive enforcement action against noncompliant taxpayers ensuring tax laws are fairly administered, collecting no more and no less than taxpayers owe.

Learn how the Minnesota Department of Revenue is working to stop tax evasion on recreational vehicles [here](#).

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