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Department of Revenue collects \$1 million in joint effort with Department of Public Safety

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The departments of Revenue and Public Safety have collected one million dollars as a result of a joint project to improve government services.

The Better Government for a Better Minnesota project focuses on making sure Minnesotans pay sales tax on purchases including motor homes, luxury cars, and aircraft. Many of the cases include a tax evading system that involves setting up shell corporations in Montana to avoid Minnesota sales tax.

During the past year, the Department of Revenue sent letters to taxpayers to increase compliance on motor vehicle excise taxes and successfully collected revenue from each letter sent. The department is continuing its efforts with the Department of Public Safety to identify hundreds of other potential tax evaders through motor vehicle registration.

“While the majority of Minnesota residents pay taxes when purchasing a vehicle, there is a small group that isn’t paying their share,” said Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans. “Through this project, we are ensuring all Minnesotans follow the rules and pay the taxes that they owe.”

Governor Mark Dayton recently recognized employees from both departments involved in the project for their outstanding work and commitment to making government work better for Minnesotans.

Taxpayers are encouraged to [anonymously report](#) anyone they suspect is committing tax fraud.

For more information, visit the department’s website at www.revenue.state.mn.us.

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