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Cottage Grove Man Charged With Tax Crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office recently charged Scott Joseph Domeier, 51, of Cottage Grove, with eleven tax felonies.

Domeier has been charged with six counts of filing false returns and five counts of failing to pay taxes.

According to the criminal complaint, Domeier was Director of Accounting Services for the Archdiocese in St. Paul and Minneapolis between February 1995 and January 2012. He was placed on administrative leave in January after he allegedly misused Archdiocese funds.

An investigation uncovered Domeier stole more than \$670,000 from the Archdiocese to pay off his credit cards, tuition at a private school, and other personal expenses.

In addition, he failed to claim the embezzled money as income, evading more than \$48,000 in state taxes.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue has a 24-hour tip line for anyone who suspects an individual or business is violating tax laws. That number is 651-297-5195, or 1-800-657-3500 (TTY users call 711 for Minnesota Relay). Tipsters may remain anonymous and can also email the department at tax.fraud@state.mn.us. So far this year, citizen tips have totaled 80 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 non-compliant taxpayers ensuring tax laws are fairly administered, collecting no more and no less than taxpayers owe.

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