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Former Construction Business Owner Charged With Tax Crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced today that the Dakota County Attorney’s Office recently charged Jared K Langford, 35, a former Dakota County resident, with six tax felonies.

Langford has been charged with three counts of failing to file tax returns and three counts of failing to pay income taxes.

According to the criminal complaint, Langford was a self-employed construction and framing business owner in the Twin Cities between 2003 and 2010. An investigation uncovered that Langford was operating several businesses under assumed names and that he failed to file Minnesota Income Tax Returns for his earnings.

The department estimates for tax years 2003 through 2007, Langford owes the state an estimated \$91,000 in delinquent taxes.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue made several attempts to resolve these issues with Langford but was unsuccessful.

For tax years 2008 through 2010, Langford earned an estimated \$900,000 in unreported income. As a result, he owes the state an estimated \$53,000 in delinquent taxes for these years.

The charges each carry a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and up to 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. In 2012, citizen tips 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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