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### Lake Elmo woman charged with tax crimes

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Washington County Attorney’s Office recently charged Catherine Mary Anton, 44, of Lake Elmo, with eight tax felonies.

Anton has been charged with four counts of filing false tax returns and four counts of failing to pay taxes.

According to the criminal complaint, Anton plead guilty to theft by swindle in March 2012 and was ordered to pay more than \$75,000 in restitution.

In addition, Anton allegedly failed to report the embezzled income, leading to erroneous refunds.

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](mailto: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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