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Envy nightclub owners charged with tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office recently charged James Shelly Beamon, 39, and Susan Kerry Beamon, 45, of Brooklyn Park, with eleven tax felonies each.

The Beamons are each charged with three counts of filing fraudulent tax returns, three counts of failing to file sales tax returns and five counts of failing to remit sales tax.

According to the criminal complaint, the couple owned Envy Nightclub in downtown Minneapolis and were underreporting their monthly sales for the nightclub. Between April and June 2012, they allegedly underreported sales by \$240,000.

As a result, the complaint alleges the Beamons owe \$33,000 in unpaid sales tax for those three months.

In addition, the last state income tax return filed by the couple was for tax year 2009.

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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