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Andover couple charged with tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Anoka County Attorney’s Office recently charged Charles Kinnunen, 46, and his wife, Michelle Kinnunen, 45, both of Andover, with tax-related felonies.

Charles Kinnunen, owner of Superior Tent Rental, Inc., is charged with four felonies for failing to file and pay the sales and withholding taxes for his business between 2010 and 2012. The department determined he owes the state more than \$22,000 in sales and withholding taxes.

Additionally, Charles and Michelle Kinnunen are each charged with two felonies for filing false income tax returns for tax years 2007 through 2011. According to the criminal complaints, the couple owes the state more than \$27,000 in income tax.

Each criminal charge carries 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 a person 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, 80 percent of the department’s criminal case referrals came from citizen tips.

While most taxpayers comply with tax laws voluntarily, the Minnesota Department of Revenue takes enforcement action against noncompliant taxpayers to ensure tax laws are fairly administered.

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