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Anoka woman charged with tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Anoka County Attorney’s Office recently charged Krystyna Marusak, 66, of Anoka, with five tax-related felonies.

Marusak is charged with five counts of filing a false tax return.

According to the criminal complaint, Marusak overstated the amount of state taxes withheld from her wages between 2007 and 2011. The withholding amounts were allegedly inflated by \$1,000 to \$2,000 each year. This resulted in Marusak receiving more than \$5,800 in false refunds.

Each 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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