

News Release

CONTACT Lisa Erickson
PHONE 651-556-6397
E-MAIL lisa.erickson@state.mn.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

March 3, 2015

Contact: Lisa Erickson
Phone: 651-556-6397
Lisa.erickson@state.mn.us

Willmar man charged with tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Kandiyohi County Attorney’s Office recently charged Robert Charles Johnson, 51, of Willmar, with tax-related felonies.

Johnson is charged with twelve counts, including: four counts of filing fraudulent returns, four counts of failing to pay taxes, and four counts of theft.

According to the criminal complaint, Johnson claimed an additional \$5,412 in state income tax withholding, giving him income tax refunds of \$3,786 more than which he was entitled. The complaint states he did this each year for tax years 2009 through 2012.

Each felony charge carries a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Although 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.

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. Tipsters may remain anonymous and can also email the department at tax.fraud@state.mn.us. In 2014, 87 percent of the department’s criminal case referrals came from citizen tips.

Follow the latest news and updates from the Minnesota Department of Revenue on [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#), and sign up for our [email subscription list](#).

##