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### Sunfish Lake man pleads guilty to tax crimes

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that Daniel Conners, of Sunfish Lake, recently pled guilty to four charges of failing to file income taxes. The charges are for tax years 2009 through 2012.

According to the criminal complaint, Conners has a long history of failing to file returns on time and pay the taxes due.

The complaint states he owed more than \$50,000 in unpaid taxes for 2007 and 2008. Conners allegedly purchased a \$130,000 Porsche in 2010, while failing to pay delinquent income taxes. The state eventually collected the unpaid taxes through a bank account levy.

Mr. Conners eventually filed his 2009 through 2013 returns in 2014 and made payments. The estimated delinquent taxes owed to the state for those years are more than \$91,000.

Each felony charge carries a maximum penalty of up to five years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine. Conners will be sentenced in August.

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 (toll-free). Tipsters may remain anonymous and can also email the department at [tax.fraud@state.mn.us](mailto:tax.fraud@state.mn.us). In 2014, 87 percent of the department's criminal case referrals came from citizen tips.

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