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Crosby man charged with 52 tax-related crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Crow Wing County Attorney’s Office recently charged Richard Edward Schmidhuber of Crosby with several tax-related felonies.

Mr. Schmidhuber was charged with twenty counts of failing to pay state liquor taxes, twenty counts of filing false or fraudulent sales tax returns, six counts of failing to file income tax returns, and six counts of failing to pay income tax.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Schmidhuber knowingly failed to file income tax returns or pay income taxes for tax years 2008 through 2013. According to the complaint, Mr. Schmidhuber owes over \$21,000 in income tax, penalties, and interest. The complaint further states that Mr. Schmidhuber filed false or fraudulent sales tax returns and failed to pay sales and liquor taxes starting in 2009 and continuing quarterly into 2014 for his business, Nordic Inn Medieval Brew & Bed Service. According to the complaint, Mr. Schmidhuber failed to pay over \$15,000 in sales and liquor taxes.

Each tax-related felony charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both. 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 that tax laws are administered fairly.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue has a 24-hour tip line for anyone who suspects that a person or business is violating Minnesota tax laws. Local callers may dial 651-297-5195 or call toll-free by dialing 1-800-657-3500. Tips can also be submitted to the department by email at tax.fraud@state.mn.us. Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous. In 2014, 87 percent of the department’s criminal case referrals came from citizen tips.

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