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Fridley man charged with tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office recently charged Sumrain Khder Sumrain with three tax-related felonies.

Mr. Sumrain is charged with three counts of possession and transportation of untaxed tobacco products. The charges stem from a joint investigation between the Minnesota Department of Revenue and the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF).

The complaint states that on three separate occasions between June 1 and August 1, 2014, Mr. Sumrain possessed and transported over \$6,990 worth of untaxed tobacco products. Mr. Sumrain is not a licensed distributor of tobacco products according to the complaint.

Each tax-related felony charge carries a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison, a \$10,000 fine, or both. Defendants are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This is an example of the department’s ongoing efforts to uniformly enforce the state’s cigarette and tobacco laws.

For more information on the tax laws related to tobacco products in Minnesota, [visit our webpage](#).

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 via 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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