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Lakeville woman charged with multiple tax crimes

ST PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Dakota County Attorney's Office recently charged Jennifer Robin Carr of Lakeville with several tax-related felonies.

Ms. Carr is charged with:

- One count of making retail sales after revocation of a permit
- One count of failing to file a sales tax return
- Two counts of failure to pay sales taxes
- Two counts of filing a false sales tax return

According to the complaint, Ms. Carr operated a cleaning business, Distinctive Cleaning, from 1997 until 2015. The complaint states that during the tax periods beginning July 2009 through May 2013, Ms. Carr charged her clients 8.4% tax, even though the actual tax was 6.875%, and provided false invoices to the department to lower her tax liability by an estimated \$104,000. Ms. Carr continued to operate her business illegally for more than a year after the department revoked her sales tax permit in 2013, according to the complaint.

The complaint further states that Ms. Carr underreported and underpaid her tax liability for the period between January and October 2011. Ms. Carr also willfully failed to file sales tax returns and pay sales tax for her business for the months of September, October, and November 2014, according to the complaint.

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.

Many of the department's criminal case referrals come from citizen tips. The Minnesota Department of Revenue has a 24-hour tip line for anyone who suspects that a person or

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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.

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