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Becker man charged with multiple tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Sherburne County Attorney's Office recently charged Jared Neil Brigmon of Becker with 23 tax-related felonies.

Mr. Brigmon is charged with 13 counts of making retail sales after revocation of a permit, 5 counts of failing to file income tax returns, and 5 counts of failing to pay income taxes.

According to the complaint, in June 2013 the Minnesota Department of Revenue revoked the sales tax permit for Mr. Brigmon's business, Forever Green Tree Care, after he failed to pay a sales tax liability of over \$225,000 for sales made between April 2006 and April 2010. Department investigators determined that Mr. Brigmon continued doing business using alternate business names while his sales tax permit was revoked, the complaint states. The complaint also alleges that Mr. Brigmon failed to file and failed to pay income taxes for tax years 2010 through 2015.

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 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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