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Bismarck man charged with multiple tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office recently charged Jacob LeRoy Warren with six tax-related felonies. Mr. Warren is charged with three counts of failing to file income tax returns and three counts of failing to pay income taxes.

The complaint states that while living in St. Paul, Mr. Warren failed to file income tax returns or pay income tax for tax years 2011 through 2013. During that time, Mr. Warren operated three businesses: Worldlynk, Inc., Innovation Lynk LLC, and Badabing, Inc., and had taxable sales but never remitted the sales tax collected by his businesses, according to the complaint. Through an investigation of his bank records and interviews with employees of his businesses, department investigators allege that Mr. Warren had taxable income and knew of his obligation to file and pay income taxes, but failed to do so. The complaint states that Mr. Warren owes more than \$61,800 in taxes, penalties, and interest.

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 department 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. There is 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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