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Big Lake man charged with multiple tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Sherburne County Attorney’s Office recently charged Mark Edmund Miller, of Big Lake, with 17 tax-related felonies. Mr. Miller is charged with four counts of failing to file sales tax returns, four counts of failing to pay sales tax, and nine counts of making retail sales after his sales tax permit was revoked.

The complaint states that Mr. Miller failed to file sales tax returns or pay sales tax for his business, JC’s Body Shop, when required between April 2013 and December 2016. The complaint alleges that Mr. Miller contacted the department multiple times during that period to talk about his obligation to file and pay sales tax for his business, but that he failed to file returns or pay the amounts due. The department revoked the sales tax permit for JC’s Body Shop in October 2015, making any retail sale after that time a felony.

Mr. Miller admitted to a department investigator that he knew he was operating his business after his sales tax permit had been revoked and that he used the taxes he collected from customers to pay expenses for his business rather than sending the money to the state, according to the complaint. Mr. Miller allegedly owes more than \$106,000 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

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submitted to the department by email at tax.fraud@state.mn.us. Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous.

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