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**Roseville woman charged with multiple tax crimes**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office recently charged Jasmine Aletha Boykin with 12 tax-related felonies. Ms. Boykin, of Roseville, is charged with six counts of filing false or fraudulent income tax returns and six counts of failing to pay income tax.

According to the complaint, Ms. Boykin filed a Minnesota income tax return for every year from 2011 through 2016, but over-reported the amount of federal and state income tax that was withheld by her employers on each of those returns – artificially lowering the amount of tax she owed. The complaint states that department investigators discovered that Ms. Boykin failed to disclose income from all of her employers in 2011, making a previous adjustment to her 2011 taxes false, and determined that she had not paid the full amount of taxes owed for that year. The complaint further states that the department obtained W-2s from all of her employers between 2011 and 2016 and discovered that Ms. Boykin over-reported more than \$30,000 in federal and state withholding taxes. Due primarily to her willful over-reporting of taxes withheld from her compensation, Ms. Boykin allegedly owes more than \$15,500 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](mailto:tax.fraud@state.mn.us). Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous.



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