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St. Paul man charged with multiple tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Ramsey County Attorney’s Office recently charged Bradlee T. Bame with eight tax-related felonies. Mr. Bame, of St. Paul, is charged with four counts of failing to file income tax returns and four counts of failing to pay income tax.

According to the complaint, Mr. Bame failed to file a Minnesota income tax return and failed to pay income tax every year from 2013 through 2016. W-2 and 1099 documents from his employer showed that Mr. Bame earned enough income through his work as an independent life insurance sales person to meet Minnesota’s obligation to file and pay income taxes, the complaint states. When interviewed Mr. Bame claimed that he did not know he had to file a Minnesota tax return each year, however, department records indicate he filed Minnesota income tax returns in 2011 and 2012. Mr. Bame allegedly owes more than \$20,600 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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