

## News Release

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### **Granite Falls accountant charged with multiple tax crimes**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Renville County Attorney's Office recently charged Michael Denis Juenemann, of Granite Falls, with nine tax-related felonies.

Mr. Juenemann was charged with four felony counts of failing to pay income taxes and five felony counts of failing to file individual income tax returns.

According to the complaint, Mr. Juenemann worked as a professional accountant who prepared and filed tax forms for more than 300 clients each year. The complaint states, however, that Mr. Juenemann failed to file his own Minnesota individual income tax returns for tax years 2012 through 2016, and failed to pay individual income taxes for tax years 2012 through 2015. The complaint alleges that Mr. Juenemann admitted to department investigators that he had not filed his income tax returns or paid income taxes for those pertinent years. Mr. Juenemann was charged in 2009 with similar crimes and reached a plea deal in that case.

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.

Many of the department's criminal case referrals come from public 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](mailto:tax.fraud@state.mn.us). Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous.

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