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Attorney charged with multiple tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Dakota County Attorney’s Office recently charged Marcus Anton Jarvis, of Apple Valley, with four tax-related felonies.

Mr. Jarvis was charged with one felony count of failing to file individual income tax returns, one felony count of failing to pay individual income taxes, one felony count of failing to file corporate income tax returns, and one felony count of failing to pay corporate income taxes.

According to the complaint, Mr. Jarvis, who has operated a law firm in Brooklyn Park since 2005, failed to file Minnesota corporate income tax returns or pay state corporate income taxes on his business for tax years 2012 through 2014. Mr. Jarvis also allegedly failed to file Minnesota individual income tax returns and failed to pay state individual income taxes for those same years. In an interview with department investigators, Mr. Jarvis admitted to not filing Minnesota tax returns for 2011 through 2014—even though he did file federal individual and corporate returns for those same years—claiming that he forgot, the complaint states. After his interview with the department, according to the complaint, Mr. Jarvis filed his state corporate income tax returns for 2011 through 2014, but still has not filed his individual income tax returns and his tax debt remains outstanding. The department estimates that Mr. Jarvis owes over \$49,000 in corporate income tax and over \$37,000 in individual income tax for years 2011 through 2015.

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. Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous.

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