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Bloomington man charged with multiple tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Hennepin County Attorney’s Office recently charged Speros James Assimes with five tax-related felonies. Mr. Assimes, of Bloomington, is charged with five counts of filing false or fraudulent income tax returns.

According to the complaint, it was discovered that Mr. Assimes’ withholding claims on his tax returns did not match what his employers had reported to the department for tax years 2013 through 2017. Mr. Assimes knowingly and intentionally inflated the amount of Minnesota income tax that was withheld from his paychecks to erase his tax liability, the complaint alleges. Mr. Assimes owes over \$29,700 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 public 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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