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**Cloquet man charged with multiple tax crimes**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Carlton County Attorney’s Office recently charged Bradley Jason Sander with four tax-related felonies. Mr. Sander, of Cloquet, is charged with four counts of filing false or fraudulent income tax returns.

According to the complaint, Mr. Sander claimed an inflated number of personal exemptions resulting in less tax being withheld from his paychecks. Additionally, Mr. Sander falsely included increased withholding amounts on his W-2s when filing his individual income tax returns for tax years 2012 through 2015. These falsifications resulted in Mr. Sander not paying taxes that he owed as well as receiving tax refunds that he was not entitled to, the complaint alleges.

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](mailto:tax.fraud@state.mn.us). Tipsters may choose to remain anonymous.

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