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Ramsey man charged with multiple tax crimes

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that the Anoka County Attorney’s Office recently charged Nicholas Todd Erickson, of Ramsey, with six felony counts of failing to file individual income tax returns and six felony counts of failing to pay individual income taxes.

According to the complaint, Mr. Erickson failed to file income tax returns and failed to pay income taxes for tax years 2013 through 2018. During those years, Mr. Erickson allegedly earned enough income through his business, Timberland Amusement, to be required to file income tax returns and pay income tax in Minnesota. The complaint states that Mr. Erickson has never filed an income tax return in Minnesota. It contends, however, that he knew or should have known about his obligation to file and pay because he routinely filed sales tax returns for his business and had entered into an agreement with the department to pay back more than \$77,000 in income taxes he owed stemming from a previous audit and assessment for tax years 2004 through 2009. According to the complaint, Mr. Erickson owes more than \$30,400 in additional unpaid income tax, along with 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.

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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