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Stoughton man charged with tax crimes

Dontrell A. Bluford, 26, Stoughton, is facing criminal charges for filing fraudulent state income tax returns.

According to the criminal complaint filed today by the Dane County District Attorney's Office, Bluford was charged with three felony counts of filing fraudulent Wisconsin income tax returns for the years 2006 through 2008. The criminal charges are the result of an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Section.

The complaint alleges that during 2006 through 2008, Bluford earned well over \$50,000 in each of the years identified. However, Bluford filed income tax returns for 2006, 2007, and 2008 and reported zero income on each return. Bluford requested a refund of Wisconsin income tax withheld on each return.

The complaint goes on to state that as a result of Bluford's fraudulent representation that he had no income during 2006 through 2008, he owes Wisconsin income taxes of \$4,690 for those years.

If convicted on all counts, Bluford could face up to 18 years in prison and \$30,000 in fines, or both.

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