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Milwaukee Woman Receives Jail Time for Tax Fraud

Natasha N. Moore, Milwaukee, was sentenced in Milwaukee County Circuit Court for filing fraudulent tax returns. Moore pled guilty to tax fraud charges on March 1 and has received twelve months in jail, followed by five years' probation. Moore was also ordered to repay \$28,696 and banned from working for any tax filing business.

According to the criminal complaint, in 2010, Moore prepared 38 fictitious Homestead Credit claims by falsifying rent certificates and claimed that people lived and paid rent in apartments that they had never actually lived in. The complaint alleges that Moore took names and social security numbers from her employer's tax client files as well as unwitting relatives, and used these stolen identities to file the fraudulent Homestead Credit claims. She deposited the claims' payments totaling \$28,696 into her own bank accounts or into bank accounts that belonged to friends and family members.

Renters and homeowners with low to moderate income can claim the Homestead Credit to help offset income tax liability. The credit is based upon the amount of rent or property taxes paid.

Moore was prosecuted by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office following an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Section.

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