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## **HUBERTUS MAN CONVICTED OF THEFT**

Justin C. Raff of Hubertus, WI was convicted of theft for filing fraudulent tax returns in which he defrauded the Wisconsin Department of Revenue out of \$2,189 and attempted to defraud the Wisconsin Department of Revenue out of another \$3,082. According to the criminal complaint, Mr. Raff prepared his 2010 and 2011 income tax returns with false W-2's.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Raff submitted a 2010 tax return with a W-2 from his then employer indicating that he had earned \$52,837 in wages and had state taxes withheld of \$5,743. Based on this W-2, Mr. Raff received a refund of \$2,272 from the State of Wisconsin. Mr. Raff's actual W-2 stated his wages were \$9,742 and stated withholding taxes were \$506. Mr. Raff received a refund of \$2,189 more than what he was entitled to for the 2010 tax year.

The complaint further alleges that Mr. Raff submitted a 2011 tax return with a W-2 from his then employer indicating that he had earned \$55,674 in wages and had state taxes withheld of \$6,641. Mr. Raff's actual W-2 stated his wages were \$19,075 and stated withholding taxes were \$1,025. Mr. Raff also submitted a W-2 from an additional employer indicating that he had earned \$4,182 in wages and had state taxes withheld of \$275. Mr. Raff's actual W-2 from the additional employer stated his wages were \$6,194 and stated withholding taxes were \$293. Mr. Raff attempted to receive a refund of \$3,082 in excess of what he was entitled to for the 2011 tax year.

Mr. Raff was prosecuted by the Washington County District Attorney's office after an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Section. Mr. Raff could face up to 9 months in jail and \$10,000 in fines.