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Former Wisconsin Resident Charged With State Tax Crimes and Arson

Brian C. Adkins, 40, of Las Vegas, Nevada and formerly of Albion, Wisconsin, was recently charged in Jackson County Circuit Court with three counts of failure to file Wisconsin withholding tax returns and four counts of sales tax theft. Adkins was also charged with arson of a building as a party to a crime, obstructing an officer, and making a fraudulent insurance claim.

According to the criminal complaint, Adkins operated the Rustic Mill Tavern on Highway 54 in the Township of Albion from July 1, 2010 through June 27, 2011. On July 9, 2011, a fire at the Rustic Mill caused heavy damage to the building. During the time Adkins operated the Rustic Mill, Adkins made sales subject to Wisconsin and Jackson County sales tax. The complaint alleges that Adkins collected and failed to pay state and county sales taxes totaling \$24,333.94. The complaint further alleges that Adkins collected and failed to pay state withholding taxes equaling \$7,857.78.

Adkins is required to appear in circuit court on April 15, 2013.

If convicted on all the tax counts, Adkins could face up to 23 years, 9 months in prison and \$70,000 in fines. If convicted on all charges, Adkins could face up to 68 years in prison and \$190,000 in fines, or both.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, State Fire Marshall's Office, and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

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