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## **FORMER DAY CARE OPERATOR SENTENCED FOR TAX FRAUD**

A Milwaukee woman, Latoya Curtis, 39, was sentenced Monday to four years in prison for state tax fraud. Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Donald stayed the prison sentence and placed her on probation for two years. Additionally, Judge Donald ordered Ms. Curtis to serve nine months of conditioned time at the House of Correction. The Court also ordered that she pay \$10,862 in restitution to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

According to the criminal complaint, Curtis and another woman, Denitra Aldridge, who was previously sentenced, conspired to file fraudulent income tax returns in the names of other persons in 2011 and 2012. The two women created fake wage and withholding tax statements (W2's) purporting that these people worked for Stairway to Success, a now defunct day care that Curtis previously operated. The fake wage statements were used in attempts to get refunds of state and federal income taxes that were never actually withheld.

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