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New Berlin Man Charged for Tax Fraud

On August 31st the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office charged David L. Swanson of New Berlin with 3 felony counts of filing a false income tax return with the intent to evade or obtain a tax credit.

The complaint alleges that Swanson requested that his employer not withhold State of Wisconsin income tax from his paycheck. Swanson then filed his 2013-2015 State of Wisconsin income tax returns and intentionally entered false withholdings to obtain refunds.

Swanson was successful in obtaining fraudulent refunds from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in previous years. In 2015, Swanson requested a refund from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in the amount of \$802, but that refund was not processed.

These charges are the result of an investigation and referral by the Office of Criminal Investigation of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, alleging that Swanson filed false income tax returns for the tax years 2013-2015, by falsifying his State of Wisconsin income tax withholding to obtain a refund. Swanson faces up to 18 years in prison, a \$30,000 fine, or both if convicted.