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Randolph Resident Facing Four Felony Charges

Charges Include Preparing and Filing False Income Tax Returns

Matthew M. Schraufnagel of Randolph is facing four felony charges in connection with preparing and filing false income tax returns with the intent to evade assessed taxes. Criminal charges were filed on January 4 by the Dane County District Attorney's office following an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Office of Criminal Investigation.

According to the [criminal complaint](#), Schraufnagel filed false income tax returns for the years 2013 – 2016. During this time, the complaint alleges that he inflated his Wisconsin withholding for four years and understated his wages for two of the four years. Schraufnagel overstated his Wisconsin withholding by an increasing amount each year. This resulted in fraudulent attempts to obtain over \$4,000 more in refunds than he was entitled to.

Under Wisconsin law, filing a false or fraudulent tax return is a felony. If convicted, Schraufnagel could face up to 24 years in prison and a \$40,000 fine.

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