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Three Milwaukee Residents Plead Guilty to Tax Fraud

Three Milwaukee residents have entered guilty pleas in Milwaukee County Circuit Court for their involvement in a tax fraud scheme that defrauded the Wisconsin Department of Revenue out of more than \$22,000 between January 2010 and October 2015.

Raimone Lewis Sr., 50, and Melissa Hlawek, 31, entered guilty pleas on March 8, 2018, while Kristine Lewis, 48, plead guilty on October 9, 2017.

[According to the criminal complaint](#), between 2010 and 2015, they conspired to file 93 fraudulent state income tax returns. The returns included false wage and tax statements issued by two fake businesses requesting refunds of tax money that was never actually withheld.

A search warrant executed at their home revealed notebooks listing the stolen identities as well as other records associated with the scheme.

Kristine Lewis is scheduled to be sentenced on March 22, and faces up to six years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. The others are scheduled to be sentenced on April 11, with Raimone Lewis facing up to twelve years in prison and fines up to \$20,000, while Melissa Hlawek faces up to six years in prison and \$10,000 in fines.

They were prosecuted by the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office after an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Office of Criminal Investigation and the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation.

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