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## Milwaukee County woman charged with Theft of Sales Tax

Meiling Dong was charged in Milwaukee County with one aggregated felony count of theft of sales tax.

According to the [criminal complaint](#), from 2013 to 2016, Dong was a co-owner of a restaurant on the east side of Milwaukee. During this time, the complaint alleges she repeatedly underreported sales and failed to remit sales tax to the state from those unreported sales. As a result, Dong underreported sales by \$858,184 and failed to remit sales tax on that underreported income in the amount of \$48,058.

The complaint further alleges that between 2013 and 2016, Dong deleted 3,108 separate transactions from the Point-of-Sale System. The result was a failure to report both the cash transactions, and the sales tax collected on those transactions.

These charges are the result of an investigation and referral of charges by Special Agents from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Office of Criminal Investigation. Dong faces up to 10 years in prison, a \$25,000 fine, or both if convicted.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue Office of Criminal Investigation investigates individuals and businesses suspected of committing tax crimes and seeks criminal prosecution for those crimes.

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