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## Milwaukee County woman charged with Filing False Tax Returns, Filing Fraudulent Claims for Tax Credits, and Theft-False Representation

Sandy M. Yang was charged in Milwaukee County with two felony counts of filing a false income tax return, two felony counts of filing a fraudulent claim for a tax credit, and a felony count of theft- false representation.

According to the <u>criminal complaint</u>, in 2017 and 2018, Sandy Yang took advantage of other individuals by purporting to legitimately file their Wisconsin income tax returns, all while Yang defrauded them of their money. Yang did this by falsely claiming there were different fees and assessments these individuals were required to pay. Yang defrauded one couple of over \$40,000.

Further, for tax years 2017 and 2018, the criminal complaint alleges, Yang personally filed false Wisconsin income tax returns. Yang failed to report significant amounts of income received, including income from Yang's misappropriated funds as well as gambling income and canceled debt. Additionally, Yang falsely claimed the Wisconsin earned income tax credit in both 2017 and 2018. Had this income been reported correctly, Yang would not have qualified for the credit in either year. Yang's behavior defrauded the State of Wisconsin of over \$16,000.

These charges are the result of a joint investigation by members of the West Allis Police Department and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Office of Criminal Investigation with assistance from the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. Yang faces up to 34 years in prison, a \$65,000 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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