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Monroe County man charged with tax fraud

Keith S. Burch, 55, of Warrens, Wisconsin was recently charged in Monroe County Circuit Court with three felony counts of filing a false or fraudulent state income tax return for tax years 2016 through 2018.

According to the [criminal complaint](#), Burch failed to report self-employment income he earned from his private investigations business. The complaint alleges that Burch filed tax returns that understated his income by more than \$226,000, thereby evading over \$13,000 in Wisconsin income tax.

Under Wisconsin law, filing a false or fraudulent income tax return is a felony. If convicted on all counts, Burch faces a maximum penalty of up to 18 years in prison and/or \$30,000 in fines. Burch is being prosecuted by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office following an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, and the Department of Revenue's Office of Criminal Investigation.

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.

To report tax fraud, go to www.revenue.wi.gov and click the "Report tax fraud" link under Quick Links.

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