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## Sauk County woman charged with theft and misconduct in public office

Brittany L. Syvrud, 36, of Rock Springs, Wisconsin was recently charged in Sauk County Circuit Court with a felony count of theft from a business setting and a felony count of misconduct in public office following an investigation into her tax affairs.

According to the [criminal complaint](#), Syvrud worked as the Town of Excelsior Treasurer and was responsible for processing property tax payments. Syvrud deposited property tax payments into her personal checking account totaling over \$8,000 and manipulated town records to hide the theft. Syvrud manipulated the records so that the town was victimized, but the individual taxpayers whose checks were taken were not impacted.

If convicted on both counts, Syvrud faces a maximum penalty of up to 9.5 years in prison and/or \$20,000 in fines. Syvrud is being prosecuted by a special prosecutor from the Juneau County District Attorney's Office following an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue 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](http://www.revenue.wi.gov) and click the "Report tax fraud" link under Quick Links.

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