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Tax Commission files felony tax evasion charges against Roosevelt contractor

The Utah State Tax Commission filed four felony charges against a Roosevelt contractor for failing to file employee withholding taxes since 2006.

Jeremy J. Harris, 37, doing business as J. Harris Construction, has a state tax liability in excess of \$160,000 including penalty and interest, says Charlie Roberts, spokesman for the Utah State Tax Commission.

Harris was charged Monday in 3rd District Court with four felony counts for failure to file tax returns, willful evasion of tax, unlawful dealing of property by a fiduciary and engaging in a pattern of unlawful activity .

“Over the course of many years, the defendant failed to file any withholding tax returns even though W-2 forms were issued to employees,” Roberts said. “Those W-2s were used by employees with their individual returns and in many cases refunds were issued.”

The Tax Commission says that \$63,888 in withholding taxes between 2006 and 2012 were never remitted. There were also additional salaries which were not reported increasing Harris’s liability to nearly \$100,000 excluding penalty.