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Tax Commission files evasion charges against contractor

The Utah State Tax Commission has filed two felony charges against a Utah cement contractor for failing to file and pay income taxes since 2000.

Layne Jackson Newman, 61, has been charged with the intent to evade state taxes, a second degree felony and failing to file a proper return, a third degree felony. Bail was set at \$15,000 by Third District Court Judge Kate A. Toomey and a statewide warrant has been issued for his arrest.

“Newman has refused to file state income taxes for several years and we believe he has earned nearly \$500,000 since 2007,” said Charlie Roberts, spokesman for the Utah State Tax.

He is accused of not paying over \$25,000 in state tax obligations that carries a \$52,000 liability with penalties and interest.

Anyone with information on the location of Newman is encouraged to contact their local police department.

“The Tax Commission continues to aggressively pursue those who refuse to pay their fair share of taxes,” Roberts added. “All income taxes are used strictly for public and higher education purposes.”

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