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State charges Sandy man with 13 tax evasion counts

The State has charged a Sandy man with 13 felony counts of tax evasion for failing to pay Utah income taxes for the past five years.

Scott Alan Rasmussen, 59, was arrested Thursday and booked in Salt Lake County jail.

A Utah State Tax Commission investigation says Rasmussen owes the State \$23,930 in back income taxes, interest, and penalties from 2010 to 2015.

The second degree felony charges include six counts each of tax evasion and failing to render a tax return, and an additional charge for a pattern of unlawful activity.

“Rasmussen claims to be a ‘common law employee,’ and has never made an attempt to pay taxes despite being notified on numerous occasions of his tax liability,” said Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman.

All state income taxes collected are used for public and secondary education. Roberts said the Tax Commission will continue to aggressively investigate those who evade any and all state taxes.

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