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## NEWS RELEASE

### Sandy man faces 18 State income tax evasion counts

An accountant from Sandy faces 18 felony counts in connection with fraudulently changing his W-2 tax forms to obtain state income tax refunds.

Christopher Anthony Renga, 63, was charged Monday with communications fraud, tax evasion, and rendering false returns by Utah State Tax Commission criminal investigators.

The state alleges Renga altered W-2 forms to indicate the state withheld income taxes from 2010 to 2015 when in fact no taxes were withheld. He did this on W-2s provided to him by the company that employed him.

The Tax Commission claims Renga owes a tax deficiency of \$20,368 and an additional \$21,677 in interest and penalties for those six years.

Renga also owes \$18,491 in taxes, interest, and penalties for overstating his withholdings during 2003 and 2006 through 2009, the state alleges.

He was criminally summoned to appear in 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court on April 14.

“The Tax Commission continues to aggressively investigate and criminally charge those who attempt to defraud the State of Utah by not paying their fair share of taxes,” says spokesperson Charlie Roberts.