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### **Provo man faces 11 felony counts for state income tax evasion**

A Provo man was charged with 11 felony counts for evading state income taxes.

James Vernard Roe, 57, Provo, has been charged with six second-degree and five third-degree felonies for tax evasion, failure to file, and a pattern of unlawful activity between 2010 and 2014.

The state alleges he owes \$11,519 in state income taxes, interest and penalties. Six different companies employed Roe between 2010 and 2014.

The state worked with Roe over several years in attempt to collect tax deficiencies. Investigators said in the affidavit, “Roe discussed his belief that he was not subject to state taxation.”

In one letter to the Tax Commission Roe wrote, “Affiant has NO Federal and/or STATE OF UTAH tax liability (*sic*).”

“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.

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