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West Jordan couple sentenced for state income tax evasion

A West Jordan couple has been sentenced to probation, community service, and ordered to pay nearly \$50,000 in unpaid Utah state income taxes.

Judge Royal Hansen issued the orders to Norman Roger and Karen T. Hawkes Friday in 3rd District Court.

Karen Hawkes, 78, and a retired school teacher, was sentenced to pay \$47,159 in back state income taxes and placed on probation for three years.

She was also ordered to complete 120 hours of community service during the next year in lieu of one-year of jail time.

Utah State Tax Commission investigators originally charged her with 13 second- and third-degree felony tax evasion counts between 2009 and 2014. Charges were reduced to Class A misdemeanors in her plea agreement

Norman Hawkes, 78, pleaded guilty to two second-degree felonies of tax evasion and failure to render a proper tax return. He was sentenced to repay \$1,840, plus interest in back taxes.

He was also ordered to complete 160 hours of community service and placed on three years probation.

The Utah Attorney General's office prosecuted the case.

“The State will continue to rigorously pursue those who refuse to pay their fair share of income taxes,” said Tax Commission spokesperson Charlie Roberts.



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