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American Fork woman arrested on 10 felony state tax evasion counts

Police arrested an American Fork woman Friday on 10 felony tax counts for refusing to pay Utah state income taxes since 2004.

Michelle Anne Wendel was arrested and booked into Salt Lake County jail.

The felony counts include five second-degree counts of tax evasion and five third-degree counts of failure to file a proper tax return.

Utah State Tax Commission spokesperson Charlie Roberts said Wendel has a current balance of nearly \$30,000 for back taxes not paid.

Wendel earned over \$82,000 annually during a five-year period as a human resource director for a payroll and benefits company in northern Utah County..

The Tax Commission claims Wendel was responsible for payroll garnishments for her company and did not comply with orders to have her own wages garnished.

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