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Weber County couple charged with 9 felony tax evasion counts

A Weber County couple faces nine felony tax evasion charges for failing to file proper income taxes between 2013 and 2016.

The State alleges Daniel Chester and Bobbi Jo Erickson, both 36, refused to comply even after multiple notices from the Tax Commission. Tax deficiencies total \$67,534.

“The Ericksons refused to file proper returns even though our investigation shows they earned between \$266,000 to nearly \$944,000 annually during those four years,” says Tax Commission spokesperson Charlie Roberts.

The Ericksons, who live in West Haven, reported zero income on 2013 and 2014 tax returns and did not file state income tax in 2015 and 2016.

Mr. Erickson claims he is not subject to income taxes because he is not a citizen of the District of Columbia or any federal or state jurisdiction, Roberts said.

The charges include four second-degree tax evasion counts, an additional second-degree felony of pattern of unlawful activity, and four third-degree felonies for failing to render proper tax returns.

The state requests that bondable bail be set at \$25,000 “. . . to ensure attendance of the accused and the integrity of the court process.”

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