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Court orders American Fork woman to pay \$35,000 in back state income taxes

An American Fork woman who refused to pay Utah state income taxes since 2004 has been ordered to pay \$34,755 in restitution and placed on five years probation.

Michelle Wendell, who was originally charged with 10 felony tax evasion counts, pleaded guilty Monday for failure to render a proper state income tax return.

Wendell 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, said Charlie Roberts of the Utah State Tax Commission.

“She was responsible for payroll garnishments for a company and did not comply with the order to have her own wages garnished,” he said.

Judge Vernice Trease of Utah 3rd District Court also ordered Wendell to pay current taxes and to file all future tax returns in a timely manner.

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