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Tax Commission files felony charges against Stansbury Park man

A Stansbury Park man faces 11 felony tax evasion charges for refusing to file state income tax returns.

The Utah State Tax Commission filed charges against Raymond Smith Park, 57, and he has been summoned to appear in 3rd District Court on Dec. 4.

Park, a licensed master plumber from Tooele County, refused to file and pay state income taxes in three of the past four years.

The second- and third-degree felony charges include tax evasion, rendering a false tax return, failing to render a proper tax return, and pattern of unlawful activity.

The six second-degree felonies are punishable by one to 15 years in prison and fines between \$1,500 and \$2,500. He may face up to five years for each third-degree felony and fines between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Park's gross income between 2013 and 2017 ranged from \$27,000 to \$78,000, according to the Tax Commission.

Since 1992, the Tax Commission has sent Park 67 letters, filed 19 tax liens, and filed eight garnishments in an effort to have Park comply with state tax requirements.

"The Tax Commission will continue to aggressively pursue those individuals who refuse to pay their state taxes," said Charlie Roberts, spokesman for the Tax Commission.

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