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Tax Commission files felony charges against Taylorsville man

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

The Utah Attorney General's office filed charges against Paul Joseph Parker, 54, for refusing to pay state income taxes between 2013 and 2017. He has since been released from Salt Lake County jail.

The Tax Commission records show Parker earned an average of \$43,776 over the five-year period and has not filed income tax returns since 2007.

The Tax Commission sent 44 collection letters, filed tax liens, and received \$9,105 in tax garnishments. He has a balance of \$6,936 in state taxes, the Tax Commission says.

Parker has sent correspondence to the Tax Commission containing "tax protestor language and frivolous arguments at least 13 times," according to the probable cause statement.

The felony charges include five second-degree counts for tax evasion, five third-degree counts, for failure to render a proper tax return, and an additional second-degree felony for a pattern of unlawful activity.

Unified Police officers arrested him Friday. His initial court appearance is set for July 1.

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