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Holladay man faces 10 tax fraud counts after using name of deceased person

A Holladay man faces 18 felony state tax-related fraud counts after using the name of a deceased person in numerous business transactions over eight years.

The State of Utah has charged Dan Roberts, 75, Holladay, with 10 counts of filing false returns or statements, six counts of forgery, and one count each of identity fraud and engaging in a pattern of unlawful activity.

Investigators believe Roberts registered a business with the Tax Commission using the name and signature of a deceased person.

“He was the actual principal of the payroll service business, but he told investigators he used a stamp of that person’s signature to sign documents,” said Charlie Roberts, spokesperson for the Tax Commission.

He added, “Our investigation shows Roberts profited by the use of the deceased person’s identity and transferred money from those business accounts to his personal accounts.”

Tax Commission records show Roberts’s businesses owe \$27,455 in withholding income tax and made transfers of \$64,225 to his personal account. Roberts also owes \$7,701 in federal taxes, the Tax Commission alleges.

Roberts has been summoned to appear in District Court to answer the charges on Oct. 8.

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