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Holladay man pleads guilty to forgery and tax fraud after using name of deceased person

A Holladay man pleaded guilty to three-felony counts of state tax-related fraud for using the name of a deceased person in numerous business transactions over three years. The counts include identity fraud, forgery and filing a false return.

Dan Roberts, 75, Holladay, admitted to using the personal identifying information of the dead person and using that person's signature stamp on numerous withholding tax returns, checks and business documents in an attempt to defraud the Tax Commission. The forgery charge stems from the signature on the return for Roberts' business in 2015, but the person whose signature was used, was deceased in 2013. In 2016, Roberts used the signature stamp of the dead person on a withholding return for his business, Associated Business Solutions.

Roberts was sentenced to prison on all three of the counts, but the prison terms were suspended. He was also ordered to pay back taxes and penalties of \$4,200 plus interest in restitution, and was also sentenced to 36-months supervised probation.

Roberts was ordered not to use the name of the deceased person or to have any contact with the victims.

In exchange for his guilty pleas, the other 15-charges against Roberts were dismissed.

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