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Redgranite Man Pleads Guilty, Sentenced in Tax Fraud Scheme

A Redgranite man has been sentenced to two years in prison for three felonies relating to a tax fraud scheme.

Christopher D. Zindars, 39, plead guilty on January 4, to three felonies relating to fraudulently receiving \$5,927 in state income tax refunds using fictitious W-2 forms.

Zindars, who currently resides in the New Lisbon Correctional Institution on unrelated drug charges, was sentenced to two years in prison and two years parole, and must pay restitution of \$5,927 to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

The three criminal charges he faced were: Unauthorized Use of an Entity's Identifying Information, Fraudulent Claim for Income Tax Credit, and Fraudulent Claim for Homestead Credit.

These criminal charges were filed by the Waushara County District Attorney's Office after an investigation and referral of charges by the special agents in the Office of Criminal Investigation for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

According to the criminal complaint, Zindars obtained tax refunds totaling \$5,927 from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue by electronically filing two false income tax returns using fictitious W-2 forms for 2012 and 2013 from a business where he had been terminated for theft in 2011.

A search warrant by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in November 2015 led to the seizure of several computers, tax related documents, and suspected drugs at Zindars' former residence at 625 Main Street in Redgranite.

The complaint further alleges that Zindars had the refunds electronically deposited into his bank account and used the proceeds to pay off personal debt and purchase two vehicles.

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