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Albuquerque Attorney Awaiting Trial on Tax Evasion Charges Indicted on New Charges

SANTA FE - An Albuquerque attorney - already facing criminal charges for tax evasion - has been indicted again on attempted tax evasion charges for allegedly not paying his gross receipt taxes owed to the State.

Daniel M. Salazar, 46, a contract attorney with the New Mexico Public Defender Department, was indicted on four counts of attempt to evade or defeat tax by a Second Judicial District Court Grand Jury in Albuquerque on Wednesday. The indictment alleges that Salazar failed to pay his taxes from January through October 2009.

Salazar has been indicted twice previously on similar charges. The first indictment for eight counts was on April 21, 2008. The second indictment for an additional seven counts was on February 24, 2009. The two earlier indictments have been consolidated and are set for trial on May 10, 2010, before Judge Neil C. Candelaria.

“The focus of this case is a lawyer who has acted in blatant disregard for the law,” said Rick Homans, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department. “Hopefully, when all is said and done, Mr. Salazar will realize that nobody is above the law, and that we all have an obligation to pay our fair share of taxes due to the State of New Mexico.”

If convicted on these latest charges, Salazar could face a maximum of up to 20 years in prison and up to \$50,000 in fines.

The indictment is the result of an investigation conducted by the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department’s Tax Fraud Investigations Division and is being prosecuted by New Mexico Attorney General Gary King’s Office.

To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, individuals can call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.