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## ***Albuquerque Resident Indicted For Embezzlement and Tax Evasion***

**Albuquerque, N.M.** – The Taxation and Revenue Department announced today that an Albuquerque resident has been charged with tax fraud and embezzlement. The charges follow an investigation by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Mr. Jim Knight, 64, was indicted by a Bernalillo County grand jury on August 3rd, 2018 following a complaint filed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District of New Mexico.

Knight, 64, has been charged with 47 felony counts – these charges include one count of embezzlement, three counts of tax fraud, and 43 counts of computer access with intent to embezzle or defraud. The maximum sentence for the forty-seven (47) felony counts is up to one hundred thirty-nine and a half (139) years of imprisonment and \$240,000 in fines.

“This is a shocking example of just how far someone with a criminal mindset will go to defraud and embezzle individual taxpayers and the State of New Mexico,” said John Monforte, Acting Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. “This Department does not tolerate willful ignorance of the law and will continue to work diligently to find and prosecute those who attempt to cheat the system and their fellow citizens.”

This case is being investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and the Albuquerque Police Department – the case is being prosecuted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Attorney’s Office in Albuquerque, NM. To report tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789 or e-mail [tax.fraud@state.nm.us](mailto:tax.fraud@state.nm.us).

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