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Albuquerque Resident Charged for Tax Evasion

Albuquerque, N.M. – The Taxation and Revenue Department announced today that an Albuquerque resident has been officially charged for tax evasion. The charges follow an investigation by Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Mr. Karl Pergola, 52, was indicted on June 18, 2018 by a Bernalillo County Grand Jury.

Pergola, 52, has been charged with 10 counts of Tax Fraud. The maximum sentence for 10 second degree felony counts is up to 90 years imprisonment and \$100,000 in fines. Pergola has also been charged with 14 fourth degree felony counts for attempting to Evade or Defeat Tax. Each of these counts contain a standard sentence of no less than one year and no more than five years imprisonment. Each of these additional charges carry a fine between \$1,000 and \$10,000 each.

“This case is strong reminder to those individuals who would attempt to cheat the system – you will not get away with it,” said John Monforte, Acting Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. “This Department is committed to catching and bringing to justice those who attempt to defraud the State of New Mexico.”

This case was investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department and is being prosecuted by the Second Judicial District Attorney’s Office. 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.

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