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Espanola Tax Preparer Indicted for Tax Fraud and Tax Evasion

SANTA FE, N.M. – A tax preparer from Espanola has been indicted for filing false tax returns and failing to pay taxes.

Deborah Quintana, 58, was charged with 28 counts of Tax Fraud and 8 counts of Attempting to Evade or Defeat Tax, all felonies. These charges carry a maximum sentence of 55 ½ years in prison and a \$180,000 fine.

Quintana was indicted by a Santa Fe Grand Jury in the First Judicial District of New Mexico.

“With tax season upon us, this case should serve as a reminder to tax professionals across the state; if you cheat the system, you will be held accountable,” said Demesia Padilla, Cabinet Secretary for the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. “The State of New Mexico will not abide tax professionals who think they are above the law.”

Quintana allegedly prepared 28 false Personal Income Tax Returns for her clients. Between \$14,000 and \$70,000 is owed to the State for those false tax returns. Quintana also owes \$21,000 for failing to pay Gross Receipts Tax on her tax preparation business.

This case was investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. 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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