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## ***Roswell Resident Arrested For Embezzlement and Tax Evasion***

**Roswell, N.M.** – The Taxation and Revenue Department announced today that a Roswell resident has been charged with tax evasion and embezzlement. The charges follow an investigation by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Mr. Michael Turner, 66, was arrested without incident by the Roswell Police Department on July 7, 2018 following a complaint filed in the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of New Mexico.

Turner, 66, has been charged with three felonies – these charges include one count of embezzlement, and two counts of tax evasion. If sentenced, each count carries a basic sentence of imprisonment not less than one year, nor more than 5 years. Each count will also include a fine between \$1,000 and \$10,000 dollars.

“We are committed to finding and bringing to justice individuals who would attempt to defraud 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.”

This case is being investigated by the Tax Fraud Investigations Division of the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department – the case is being prosecuted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney’s Office in Portales, 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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