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Albuquerque man indicted on tax fraud charges

A 51-year-old Albuquerque business owner has been indicted by a state District Court grand jury in Bernalillo County on 36 counts of tax fraud.

The April 16 indictment against William Gardner lists 36 counts of tax fraud of between \$2,500 and \$20,000. Each third-degree felony count carries a basic sentence of three years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$5,000.

According to the indictment, Gardner knowingly filed incorrect tax returns between July 2016 and June 2019.

The case was investigated by the Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division and is being prosecuted by the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance in Albuquerque.