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Waukesha Man Charged with Sales Tax Theft

Mark Staley has been charged in Waukesha County Circuit Court with one count of felony theft of sales taxes. Staley is the former operator of Custom Detailing, LLC, and Diversified Maintenance Group, LLC.

According to the criminal complaint, Staley failed to remit \$3,703.08 in sales tax that he collected from January 2003 through December 2007. Staley admitted that he had collected the sales tax, but did not remit the taxes owed on his sales tax returns between 2003 and 2007. Staley said that after collecting the sales tax, he began to run into problems and used the sales tax money collected to pay other business bills.

Staley was charged by the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office following an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

If convicted on all accounts, Staley could face up to three years and six months in prison and fines totaling \$10,000. In addition to the criminal penalties, Wisconsin law provides for substantial civil penalties on the civil tax liability, which would follow a conviction for criminal violations.

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