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Man arrested for 1.4 Million Dollar Sales Tax Evasion

On Wednesday November 12, 2014 Georgia Department of Revenue agents along with Cobb County Police apprehended Curtis Crowder. Mr. Crowder collected approximately \$1,471,000.00 in Georgia sales taxes from 2004 to 2011, while operating his business Syntellus Dataworks LLC. Crowder did not remit this sales tax to the state.

The Georgia Department of Revenue opened a criminal Unlawful Conversion of Funds for the benefit of the State (OCGA 48-1-5) case in 2011. It was also determined through investigation that Crowder forged 3 Georgia Department of Revenue ST-12 forms to retain sales tax due to various companies he made sales to.

"The majority of Georgia businesses and citizens play by the rules and pay their taxes," said Attorney General Sam Olens. "Those who do not will be held accountable and aggressively prosecuted. I applaud the Department of Revenue for detecting this alleged fraud and for ensuring the integrity and fairness of the system."

Staci Guest, Director of the Office of Special Investigations said "Curtis Crowder does a disservice to the thousands of Georgia small businesses who comply with Georgia Tax Law. We will continue to find and track others who are cheating the state."

Criminal indictments include one charge of Conversion of Tax Funds OCGA 48-1-5, and 3 counts of False Swearing, OCGA 16-10-71 were issued against Curtis Crowder by the Fulton County Georgia Grand Jury on October 24, 2014.

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