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Husband and Wife Charged with Felony Evasion of Income Taxes

On Wednesday November 19th, 2014, Nilesh Patel surrendered to the Lanier County Sheriff's office. His wife Bhagavatiben Patel surrendered one day earlier. They are both charged with one count each of felony evasion of income taxes.

The Georgia Department of Revenue began investigating the Patel's after the Lanier County Sheriff's office received citizens' complaints about coin operated amusement machines. Due to information discovered during the initial investigation, charges followed.

All assets belonging to the Patel's have been seized including numerous vehicles, property, and bank accounts. These assets are under control of a court appointed receiver.

Staci Guest, Director of the Office of Special Investigations said "We are pleased with the arrests. We will continue to find and track others who are cheating the state."

Nilesh Patel remains behind bars awaiting bond while Bhagavatiben is currently out of jail on bond.

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