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Pest control contractor pleads guilty to sales tax theft

OLYMPIA – Oct. 15, 2013 – A Seattle man pleaded guilty Monday to stealing more than \$30,000 in sales tax from August 2010 to October 2011.

Calvin D. Gilpin pled guilty Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, to one charge of theft in the first degree and nine counts of operating a business with a revoked license. Gilpin was charged in May 2013 by the Washington State Attorney General’s Office on behalf of the state Department of Revenue (Revenue).

King County Superior Court Judge Julia Garratt accepted the plea. Gilpin is set to be sentenced on Nov. 8, 2013. He owes \$30,074.68 in restitution and could be sentenced to time in prison.

Gilpin opened 4 Seasons Pest Control in the Seattle area in 1991. After failing to pay taxes, Revenue revoked his business registration in August 2011.

Gilpin continued to take on jobs after the revocation, collecting but not turning over \$30,000 in retail sales tax he charged his clients.

Entities doing business in Washington are required to be licensed and have a Unified Business Identifier number. If engaged in activities subject to the retail sales tax, the business must also collect and remit any sales taxes to Revenue.

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