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## Press Release

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### **Anchorage Businesses and Operators Charged with Felonies for Evading Taxes**

**Anchorage** - On April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, an investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigations Unit of the State of Alaska Department of Revenue, resulted in an Anchorage Grand Jury indictment for 53 year-old Randy Allan Hahn, 30 year-old Westley Baron Alexander Simmons, and Aamina LLC doing business as High Country Car and Truck Rental for Scheme to Defraud, a Class B Felony, Willful Failure to Collect a Tax, a Class C Felony, and two counts of Theft in the First Degree, a Class B Felony. The indictments stem from Hahn and Simmons utilizing the business High Country to rent passenger vehicles and then failing to remit appropriate taxes to the State of Alaska and the Municipality of Anchorage from January 2010 through October 2014. The investigation found approximately \$146,000 in vehicle rental taxes failed to be remitted to the State of Alaska and approximately \$45,000 in taxes failed to be remitted to the Municipality of Anchorage.

The indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Randy Hahn and Wesley Simmons face a possible sentence of up to ten years in prison and a fine of \$100,000 if convicted for each Class B Felony, and up to 5 years in prison and up to a \$50,000 fine. Additionally, Aamina LLC faces a maximum fine of \$573,000.

Tax Fraud Tips can be sent to email at: [tax.investigation@alaska.gov](mailto:tax.investigation@alaska.gov); or call (907)269-7868.

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