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NH Department of Revenue Administration has received a check for \$240,000 from Convicted Crematory Operator, Derek Wallace, in restitution for non-payment of taxes.

Wallace (DOB: 11/19/70) of Salisbury, Massachusetts is also currently serving a 1½ - 3 years sentence in the New Hampshire State Prison for tax evasion.

In 2007, the State charged Wallace with tax crimes against the State of NH in connection with the operation of Bayview Crematory, LLC in Seabrook, NH between 2000 and 2004.

Specifically, Wallace admitted that he willfully attempted to evade NH business profits tax by concealing the operations of one of his businesses, Wallace Enterprises, and failing to make a tax return for the business. He also admitted to willfully filing with the NH Department of Revenue Administration a false tax return with underreported business income and other disclosures related to Bayview Crematory that Wallace knew not to be true. Linda Stokes and Lawrence Stokes, Jr., Wallace's mother and stepfather, also pled guilty in May 2007 to Bayview-related tax felonies.

Wallace's payment to the Department of Revenue is in addition to the \$248,000 that the Department received pursuant to the convictions of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes, which included Bayview's tax liability. The Stokes' prison sentences were suspended for 10 years. The businesses known as Bayview Crematory and Wallace Enterprises were also found guilty of tax crimes.

These convictions result from a comprehensive investigation conducted by the NH Department of Revenue Administration and the NH State Police, Troop A in Epping. The charges were prosecuted jointly by the NH Attorney General's Office and the Rockingham County Attorney's Office.

A special note of thanks goes out to Tom Reid, Deputy County Attorney, of the Rockingham County Attorney's office for his faithful work to ensure Wallace paid the State. Assistant Commissioner Margaret L. Fulton commented that "it is through such joint initiatives that we gain our best strength for the benefit of New Hampshire citizens. We will continue to focus efforts to prosecute tax evaders. Never stop fighting 'til the fight is done."