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Suffolk DA arrests contractor for ignoring state taxes, Workers comp premiums

A contractor will be arraigned Thursday morning in first district court in Central Islip for evading state taxes and payment of state workers compensation premiums.

Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said Economic Crime bureau detectives arrested Sidnei M. Dos Santos today. Dos Santos, 35, is charged with repeated failure to file personal and earnings taxes, an E felony under state tax law that is punishable by a maximum one and one-third to four years in prison.

Spota said evidence gathered by Tax Unit investigators shows the defendant's company, SMS Resistencia Carpentry Company worked as a subcontractor for Suffolk builders, providing labor for the framing of residential homes throughout the county.

"Analysis of records for 2003 through 2005 show the defendant earned in excess of $3 million dollars solely from worked performed in Suffolk County," said Spota. "Neither Mr. Dos Santos or SMS Resistencia Carpentry Company have filed New York State Tax returns for those years. The loss of tax revenue is estimated to be more than $171,000 to New York State," Spota said.

Dos Santos also failed to collect and remit New York State employment taxes for employees of SMS Resistencia Carpentry, and submitted false documents to the New York State Workers Compensation Board that resulted in a significant loss of insurance premium revenue to New York State.

Dos Santos listed his home address, and the business address of his carpentry firm, as 96 Fleming Avenue in Newark, New Jersey.

The district attorney's office is working on an ongoing investigation of the defendant's business activities with the New York State Tax Department's Office of Tax Enforcement. Dos Santos will be held overnight in the SCPD third precinct headquarters.

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