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Tax Scofflaws Plead Guilty to Sales Tax Evasion

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Revenue and Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced today that former gas station owners Renata and Adam Safin appeared in court in Cook County to formally enter guilty pleas for fraudulent filing of sales and use taxes relating to the gasoline sold at their gas station. The guilty pleas are among dozens of cases in an ongoing criminal enforcement operation that to date has recovered nearly \$82 million owed to the state from gas station operators who evade sales tax payments.

Renata Safin pled guilty to Fraudulent Filing of Illinois Sales and Use Tax returns, a Class 4 Felony. She was sentenced to one year at the Illinois Department of Corrections to be followed by one year mandatory supervised release.

Also today, Adam Safin, her husband, pled guilty to Attempt Fraudulent Filing of Illinois Sales and Use Tax Returns, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 24 months supervision.

They paid \$50,000 in outstanding criminal tax liability at the time of sentencing to the Illinois Department of Revenue and were also ordered by judgment order to pay \$262,978 in additional taxes owed to the IDOR. Adam and Renata Safin of McHenry formerly owned and operated Lincolnwood Marathon, Inc., a gas station located at 6599 N Lincoln in Lincolnwood, IL located in Cook County