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Akron Man Sentenced to 59 Months in Prison for Scamming Local Businesses

AKRON, Ohio (Tuesday, May 26, 2015) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Summit County Common Pleas Court Judge Christine Croce sentenced Ronald Conte, 57, of Benton Avenue in Akron, to 59 months in prison for scamming local businesses out of half a million dollars.

In April, Judge Croce found Conte guilty of four counts of theft.

Conte owned and operated Akron Payroll and Tax Inc., a payroll tax service where local companies hired him to do their taxes and pay employee payroll taxes. Conte had access to the bank accounts of the companies and withdrew money with the understanding that ALL the money withdrawn would go to pay local, state, and federal taxes. Conte diverted some of that money for personal reasons.

Judge Croce also ordered Conte to pay \$558,102 in restitution to the 37 companies involved.