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failed to pay more than \$2.7 million in payroll taxes to the Internal Revenue Service over an eight year timespan — while dropping hundreds of thousands of dollars on ...

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A Virginia Beach, Va., businesswoman pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges that she failed to pay more than \$2.7 million in payroll taxes to the Internal Revenue Service over an eight year timespan — while dropping hundreds of thousands of dollars on luxury purchases.

Wendy Brockenbrough, 53, is charged with three felony counts of willful failure to

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District of Virginia said in a statement. "To support her claims, she forged IRS records and Quickbook entries showing the taxes had been paid."

In court documents, prosecutors pointed to three purchases that demonstrate the "lavish" lifestyle Brockenbrough lived while dodging payments to the IRS. She bought a Regulator center console boat valued at approximately \$126,000, a Hatteras 60-foot yacht valued at approximately \$820,000, and a Jeep Wrangler for her daughter valued at approximately \$41,000, according to court records.

Each charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and a maximum supervised release term of three years.

In total, Brockenbrough is accused of failing to pay \$2,721,268 in payroll taxes to the IRS. As part of her guilty plea, Brockenbrough could be ordered to pay back the full amount to the IRS.

Though the maximum penalty she faces for these charges is 15 years in prison, the sentences for federal crimes typically come in lower than that, the prosecutors explained in the statement. Brockenbrough is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 8.

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