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Alaska Fuel Dealer Indicted for Felony Offenses

On November 20th, 2008 a Fairbanks grand jury returned an indictment against Dipper Fuel and Lubes, Inc., a fuel dealer in the Delta Junction area, and its principal owners, Charles and Teri Hennager, for seventeen felony counts of failure to pay state excise tax on fuel sales. They were also indicted for a count of felony theft, which alleges they collected the state tax, and kept it, rather than submit the tax revenue to the state, as required by law.

The investigation was conducted by the Investigations Section of the State of Alaska, Department of Revenue, Tax Division. The indictment alleges that Dipper Fuel and Lubes, Inc. received and sold both gasoline and diesel and retained in excess of \$25,000 that they were required to submit to the State, between early 2005 and mid-2006.

The defendants were arraigned in Fairbanks Superior Court on December 9th, 2008. All defendants entered pleas of "Not Guilty." Trial is scheduled for March 23, 2009 before Judge Robert Downes.

Readers are reminded that all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. A grand jury indictment is merely an accusation. See Alaska Rules of Professional Conduct 3.6(b).
