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Danville business operator indicted for theft, forgery, fraudulent tax filing

*IDOR Bureau of Criminal Investigations anti-fraud program responsible for
discovering illegal activities*

DANVILLE - A Danville man was indicted by a Grand Jury in Vermillion County on Friday on 3 counts of theft, 9 counts of forgery and 11 counts of fraudulent filing of use tax returns as the operator of a license and title service company.

John Clark, age 42, of Danville, was indicted on Friday in the Circuit Court of Vermillion County, Illinois. He was indicted in September on separate charges by the Vermillion County State's Attorney.

The charges against Clark came after Special Agents of the Illinois Department of Revenue, Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) discovered fraudulent activities at Shannon's License Shop, a title and license business in Danville operated by Clark.

Revenue Agents found that Clark allegedly rewrote documents already signed by the vehicle owners to reflect a fabricated trade in. In other transactions, Revenue Agents reported that Clark rewrote purchase information to indicate that a car buyer paid Indiana taxes of approximately \$2,400 to get a credit given against Illinois taxes, when there were no taxes paid to Indiana.

The fraud was originally detected by the Department of Revenue's anti-fraud program. The case was referred to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation which investigated the case, resulting in the incitement. The Illinois Attorney General's Office obtained the indictment before the Grand Jury.