

Couple arrested in VAT fraud investigation

A man and a woman from Co Tyrone were arrested yesterday morning in connection with a suspected £140,000 VAT repayment fraud.

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) officers, accompanied by officers from the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), searched two addresses in Dungannon and seized computers and business records.

John Whiting, Assistant Director, HMRC Criminal Investigation said:

“Our action sends a clear message to anyone tempted to become involved in crimes against our tax system - we take fraud extremely seriously and are committed to targeting those attempting to line their own pockets at the expense of the taxpayer.

“Anyone with information about individuals or businesses involved in this type of fraud can contact us on the Tax Evasion hotline on 0800 788 887 or via our website at www.hmrc.gov.uk/tax-evasion.”

The couple have been released on bail pending further enquiries. Investigations are continuing.