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QUESTION:

Why are taxes like golf?

ANSWER:

Because you work hard on the green just to end up in the hole.

No Love for This Business Owner Sentenced to Prison for Tax Evasion

Shimon Shaked, the owner of several souvenir stores, including *I love Duluth* in Georgia and *I Love Marquette* in Michigan, has been sentenced to prison for tax evasion.

Shaked owned the stores under a holding company, and although he owned, operated, and controlled the business, he listed his teenage daughter as the nominal owner in order to hide his income and evade taxes. From 2013 to 2015 he reported the income from two of his stores on his daughter's income tax returns instead of his own.

He reported the credit card sales for the stores but failed to report the majority of the cash sales. From 2013 to 2018 Shaked hid more than four million dollars in income. He used the unreported cash to pay for personal expenses and to pay some of his employees' overtime wages in cash. The latter caused the IRS the loss of payroll taxes.

In total Shaked evaded paying approximately \$620,362 in taxes. In addition to restitution he was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison.

College Professor Fails as CPA

Ahmed Abdelhalim, a professor of accounting and income tax at LaGuardia Community College, was sentenced to prison for tax fraud.

In addition to his teaching position, Abdelhalim owned Master Tax Consultants, a tax preparation business. From 2012 to 2016 he prepared and submitted numerous fraudulent tax returns on behalf of his clients. He reported inflated and fictitious deductions, such as charitable gifts, and unreimbursed expenses not actually incurred by his clients. He also submitted phony Schedule C's that reported losses for businesses his clients weren't involved with.

He was sentenced to 14 months in prison and ordered to pay \$166,906 in restitution.

Medical Office Bookkeeper Gets a Bad Case of Greed

Sandra Doak, a bookkeeper for a medical office in Pennsylvania, was found guilty of mail fraud and filing a false income tax return.

Between 2014 and 2019 Doak embezzled a total of \$592,833. She wrote checks to herself for a total of \$536,887.21, she reimbursed herself for unauthorized expenses in the amount of \$26,519.26 and paid for personal expenses totaling \$29,426.83 with a company credit card. The personal expenses included tickets to various sporting events and travel.

Doak was ordered to pay \$123,849 to the IRS in restitution and sentenced to 42 months in prison for embezzlement and 38 months for failing to report any of the stolen funds on her tax returns. The two sentences are to be served concurrently.

Tea Party Cancelled for Bostonian Couple Indicted for Fraud

The founders of the nonprofit, Violence in Boston, were indicted for defrauding the organization and its donors. Monica Cannon-Grant and her husband Clark Grant were charged with using the organization's funds for personal expenses.

Beginning in 2017, when Violence in Boston was founded, Cannon-Grant applied for public and private grants alleging the money would be used to further the organization's mission, which was to reduce violence, raise social awareness, and aid community causes in Boston.

Cannon-Grant is a well-known figure in Boston, and was named Boston Globe Magazine's Bostonian of the Year in 2020.

From 2017 to 2020 Carson-Grant and her husband controlled the organization's finances and funneled money to themselves through cash withdrawals, cashed checks, debit purchases and transfers to their personal bank accounts. The money was used for hotel reservations, groceries, gas, car rentals, auto repairs, Uber rides, restaurants, food deliveries, nail salons and travel. Cannon-Grant claimed not to collect a salary from Violence in Boston but records show that she paid herself \$170,000 in 2021.

The couple faces up to 20 years in prison, \$250,000 in fines, and restitution to donors and organizations they defrauded.

Thank you!

Thanks to YOU, the word is spreading. Thanks to our clients and friends who graciously refer us to their friends, clients and relatives. We enjoy building this business based on the positive comments and referrals from people just like you.

We couldn't do it without you.

This month we would like to thank Mary S. for referring her friend to us. We appreciated the opportunity to help Susan. We hope Mary enjoys our gift to her as a reward for the successful referral.

Accounting Manager Floors Employer with Nearly Two Million Dollar Theft

The accounting manager for a flooring company in Ohio has been charged with embezzling more than 1.8 million dollars.

Joan Dinoto worked for the company from 2013 to 2020 and stole the money by falsely inflating her salary, using her employer's corporate credit card for personal expenses and forging checks to herself. To hide the fraud she altered the company's accounting records.

from 2015 to 2020 Dinoto did not report more than a million dollars of the stolen money on her tax returns.

In 2020 she left the flooring company and began working for a lighting company under a fake social security number. She then used her real social security number to apply for unemployment benefits.

Dinoto faces up to 30 years in prison and one million dollars in fines, in addition to restitution of 1.8 million dollars to the flooring company.

Unity Tax Preparers United in Crime and Time in Prison

Nikency Alexis, the owner of Unity Tax, and Thony Guillaume, who worked for the company as a tax preparer, have been sentenced to 45 months and 40 months in prison, respectively, for filing false tax returns.

From 2011 to 2016 Alexis and Guillaume prepared returns for clients that claimed business and education expenses that their clients never incurred. When they found out they were being investigated by the IRS the two continued preparing the false returns but listed other individuals as paid preparers.

In total, Alexis and Guillaume claimed more than 2.8 million dollars in fraudulent returns from the IRS.

In addition to the prison sentences, Alexis has been ordered to pay \$464,006 in restitution to the IRS, and Guillaume has been ordered to pay \$221,823.

Are You Our Next Client of the Month?

Every month we choose a very special *Client of the Month*. It's our way of acknowledging good friends and saying "thanks!" to those who support us and this business with referrals, word of mouth recommendations and repeat business.

This month's *Client of the Month* is Logan D. who couldn't find out why his individual income tax return was rejected by the IRS. We represented him and contacted the IRS on his behalf. He was happy to get the information needed to correct the problem.

You might be our next *Client of the Month*! Watch for your name here in an upcoming month.

Did You Know?

Madison Square Garden was granted a 10-year property tax abatement in 1982. However, a clerical error led to the abatement being permanent. This has cost New York City approximately \$200 million in tax revenue.

Thank you for the Kind Words...

Amy D. recently had good things to say about us on a social media application. We highly value testimonials from our clients.

We'd Like to Hear From You

If you have an IRS issue, or want to refer a friend, relative or colleague, we'd like to hear from you. We can provide a no-obligation confidential consultation to help solve any IRS problem.

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Your IRS Questions Answered Here...

Question: *I've been getting notices from the IRS saying I owe them for back taxes. This is stressing me out and starting to affect other areas of my life. What should I do?*

Answer: Owing money to the IRS or to the state can be intimidating and throw your life out of whack, but ignoring these notices will only make things worse. The IRS has several debt settlement options, but it's important to take action before they garnish your paycheck and/or levy your bank account. One of these options is an installment agreement payment plan.

There are several types of installment agreements. One of them is called a "partial pay" installment agreement where it's possible to reduce the total outstanding balance owed to the IRS based on how much time is left on the 10-year collection statute. The IRS does not "advertise" this option for obvious reasons. But we know how to obtain this solution after you take the first step and call us to see if you qualify for it.

You should have a professional tax expert in your corner to help you deal with the IRS. You can't do this on your own, you'll get crushed. As a matter of fact, going to or talking to the IRS without representation could be the worst thing you ever do. It's like going to court without a lawyer. The IRS does not have your best interests at heart.

We at *Tax Solution Expert* are well-versed in IRS tax problem resolution and help taxpayers with their IRS problems every day. **There is a solution to EVERY tax problem.** Call us today at 615-395-5888 for a FREE confidential consultation.