

Tax Resolution Times

“Read About IRS Problems & Find Out How to Solve Them”



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Question

Why did the CPAs Divorce?

Answer

Because they couldn't reconcile their differences.

IRS Scammer Claims Non-Existent Company Has 957 Employees; Faces 13 Years in Prison!

Lonnise Andrews admitted in court that she falsified tax documents as part of a scheme to get more than 3.5 million dollars in fraudulent tax refunds.

Andrews falsified tax forms for herself, her father, and a fake business, which included reporting incomes, losses and withholdings that did not exist. On her tax return for 2019 she used a tax preparation website to generate fake 1099-MISC and 1099-R forms and she received a refund for \$165,245 from the IRS.

In 2020, Andrews filed a tax return for an entity called Andrews Harris Corbin (AHC) and listed her father and a fictitious person named Greg Corbin as its owners. AHC had never filed an income tax return, and yet Andrews claimed the company had 957 employees. She requested a credit via Form 7200 in the amount of \$3,086,325. Also in 2020, Andrews filed a Form 941 and reported that ACH paid \$1,435,500 in wages, tips and other compensation, all of it false. The IRS issued a check for \$25,978.83 that Andrews never cashed.

Andrews faces a maximum of 13 years in prison and a fine of up to \$600,000. She has agreed to pay \$331,758 in restitution to the IRS.

Attorney Goes to Prison for Spending Client's Trust Fund Money

A Wisconsin attorney, Kristin Lein, was sentenced to 45 months in prison and three years of supervised release for wire fraud, money laundering and filing a false tax return.

Lein stole \$1,643,818 from a client's trust account by transferring the money to her personal bank account. She used the money to pay for personal expenses, including renovations to her home and to purchase several vehicles. She bought a 2019 F-250 pickup truck, a 2017 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck and a 2020 Mahinda tractor. Lein also failed to report the income on her tax returns.

School Police Officer Plays Hooky on the Job

William Smith was indicted for attempting to avoid federal taxes, filing a false tax return and for receiving \$215,000 in overtime pay when he did not actually work.

Smith was a Baltimore school police officer in charge of the overtime unit, and in this capacity was able to assign himself as much overtime as he wanted. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Smith received overtime pay for providing security at testing centers, homeless shelters, parks, community centers, school food distribution sites, and hospitals.

In reality, Smith was not working at these sites and instead was at home, running personal errands, socializing, coaching football, or out of state on vacation.

Smith also submitted a W-4 to his employer that claimed he was exempt from federal income taxes and did not file income tax returns for 2017, 2019 and 2020.

He faces restitution and up to 20 years in prison.

You Can Run But You Can't Hide Marathon Chief Gets Caught Evading Taxes

Lester Smith, Jr., the 83-year-old former president and event director of the Portland marathon, was sentenced to eight months of home confinement, and three years of probation for evading taxes on more than 1.2 million dollars he illegally borrowed from Portland Marathon, Inc. (PMI).

Smith served as the non-profit's leader for over 35 years and was the only person authorized to approve expenses. Beginning in 2012 through 2017, he made unauthorized transfers from PMI bank accounts to his personal checking account, paid personal credit cards with PMI funds, wrote unauthorized checks from PMI to himself and used a PMI check to buy a \$60,000 Infiniti SUV. Smith also used PMI funds to pay for home renovations, shopping sprees at department stores, home décor, furniture and other luxury goods and services.

In 2012, Smith and a partner incorporated a for profit company, Next Events, that billed PMI \$302,000 between 2012 and 2017.

In 2018 Smith settled a case started by the Oregon Department of Justice after they found that he had illegally loaned himself and his companies money from marathon funds, overpaid executives and contracted his own company, Next Events, to oversee the race. The Oregon DOJ ordered Smith to pay \$865,000 to PMI and he was barred from working at any charitable organizations, other foot races, or from working as an attorney in Oregon.

Thank you!

Thanks to YOU, the word is spreading. Thanks to our clients, colleagues and friends who graciously referred us to their friends, clients and relatives last month. We enjoy building our business based on the positive comments and referrals from people like you. We couldn't do it without you.

And we are happy to reward those who successfully refer us to a new client.

Media Mogul Tunes **Out IRS**

Susan Patrick, the co-owner of Patrick Communications, a media brokerage firm in Maryland, pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return and faces a maximum prison sentence of three years.

Patrick hired an accounting firm to prepare her personal and business taxes from 2012 through 2014, but did not file the forms with the IRS. When the IRS requested the returns, she lied and claimed they had been filed. She eventually sent the forms to the IRS, but not before she removed \$10,000,000 in gross receipts from the business returns and \$9,500,000 of income from the personal returns she filed jointly with her husband. She also falsely backdated her signature on the returns. The couple's 2015 returns were also filed late and none of the money due was paid.

Patrick Communications is a well-established media company in radio, and has contracts with the Walt Disney Company, religious broadcasters VCY America, and Hope Media Group, among others. Patrick and her husband also own Legend Communications, which owns 24 radio stations in Wyoming.

In a statement to the court, Patrick said that she acted alone and her partners in Patrick Communications, her husband Larry and Greg Guy, were "totally unaware" of her tax fraud. In total, Patrick tried to evade more than \$2,500,000 in taxes.

Georgia Tech Professor Hopes Prison Walls are Scalable

A professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, John Crittenden, pleaded guilty to tax fraud for lying on his tax returns by overstating his charitable deductions.

Crittenden's research focused on scalable water treatment systems and technologies, a specialty that enabled him to partner with a Chinese national to operate several companies in China. The companies wired hundreds of thousands of dollars directly to the Georgia Tech Foundation (GTF) for the professor's use, and to Crittenden's personal accounts. Crittenden 'donated' the funds that he personally received back to the GTF, also earmarking them for his use. Crittenden claimed the transfers to GTF as charitable donations on his tax returns and did not list any of the money as income.

As part of the plea agreement, Crittenden must resign from all his positions at the Georgia Institute of Technology and the Georgia Tech Research Institute, and pay all taxes owed for tax years 2011 through 2021. Sentencing is scheduled for January 2024.

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 our business with referrals, word of mouth advertising and repeat business.

This month's *Client of the Month* is Robert F. who was so happy with his results that he went on Google and Yelp and left us five-star reviews.

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

Did You Know?

Texas has a 'pole' tax, which is a tax on strip clubs, peep shows, and nude dancing. The tax revenue goes to sexual assault victims and health insurance for the poor.

Thank you for the Kind Words...

We want to thank all of you who have given us great reviews on TaxCure, Google Yelp and elsewhere. It makes us very happy to hear praise from appreciative clients.

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This month's question is....

What is the most popular Halloween Candy in the U.S.?

- a) Snickers c) Candy Corn
b) M&Ms d) Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

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Your IRS Questions Answered Here...

Question: *I received a Notice of Federal Tax Lien via certified mail for unpaid back taxes and I'm scared and don't know what to do. Can you help?*

Answer: Yes. A Notice of Federal Tax Lien (NFTL) is public record and is generally filed with the County Recorder where you reside. A federal tax lien can also negatively impact your credit report scores. It is notice to all your other creditors that the IRS has a secured interest in all your real and personal property you have now and acquire in the future.

A federal tax lien will make it very difficult, if not impossible, for you to purchase a home, vehicle and other property on credit. It may also prevent you from accessing the equity in real property you may have built up over the years.

However, the IRS has several different solutions that can resolve your NFTL if you qualify. You can resolve a federal tax lien by paying it in full or if that is not an option you can find out if you qualify for a "Release of Lien", a "Lien Subordination", a "Lien Discharge" or "Lien Withdrawal". It is important to keep in mind that IRS problems didn't just happen overnight and will take some time to resolve. The good news is that generally you won't have to meet or even speak with the IRS once we're retained. It's important to consult with a tax resolution professional to see which Lien relief options your eligible for before the IRS starts enforcing aggressive collection action against you. We can help protect your income and assets and preserve your rights!!

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