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Question

What sort of taxes are on trash bags?

Answer

Hefty ones and no one is Glad about it.

RV Resort Manager Will Soon Be Kicking Back In a Prison Cell

Troy Bittner, the general manager of the Carolina Pines RV Resort near Myrtle Beach, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and filing a false tax return.

From November 2020 to December 2021, Bittner issued \$828,516 in refunds through the company's credit card reservation system that were neither requested by customers nor authorized by management. Those with reservations that Bittner cancelled would still show up and use the facilities, while Bittner had the refunds wired into his credit cards and personal bank accounts. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, cancellations during that time were common and did not initially raise any suspicions.

Further investigations discovered that between January 2021 and January 2022, Bittner was also caught on surveillance video removing a total of \$81,430 from a company safe.

Bittner failed to report any of the stolen funds on his tax returns and caused the IRS a loss of \$270,686. He faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine and restitution to his employer and the IRS.

Nursing Home Owner Has Unhealthy Tax Habits and Fails to Pay Ten Million Dollars in Payroll Taxes

Josef Neuman, the owner of a company that provided administrative services to nursing homes and other health care facilities, pleaded guilty for failure to pay over 10 million dollars in payroll taxes. Of the facilities Neuman's company provided services for, 20 were co-owned by him.

During 2017 and 2018, Neuman failed to pay any of the companies' payroll taxes, while continuing to pay employee salaries and company expenses.

Slippery
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Jeffrey Randall, the owner of an oil and gas leasing business in Mississippi, was sentenced to 30 months in prison for filing false corporate tax returns.

Randall refused to pay taxes on three million dollars earned through the business in 2008, so he and his tax preparer came up with two million dollars in false expenses to offset the money due. This caused the IRS a loss of \$824,036.72.

During the trial, US attorneys presented evidence that after Randall was indicted in 2015, the business earned close to another two million dollars in income between 2015 and 2021, but Randall failed to pay any taxes on these earnings. This caused the IRS another \$700,000 in losses and \$300,000 in interest and penalties.

In addition to the prison sentence, Randall will serve one year of supervised release and pay \$824,036.72 in restitution to the IRS.

Corrupt Senate Staffer Campaigns for Home Sentence

Antonio Teixeira, a former staffer in the New Jersey senate, was sentenced to eight months of home confinement and three years of supervised release, for conspiring to falsely inflate invoices that a political consultant submitted to various political action committees, non-profits and political campaigns. Teixeira also failed to report any of the money on his tax returns.

Teixeira was the chief of staff for a New Jersey state senator when the senator hired Sean Caddle, who ran a political consulting firm, to create several PACs and 501(c)4 organizations so they could raise and spend money on a variety of issues. Teixeira conspired with Caddle to inflate invoices Caddle submitted to the various organizations with fake campaign related expenses. The men agreed to split the overage, and Caddle paid Teixeira with a combination of cash and checks made out to Teixeira's relatives, in an effort to conceal the money.

When handing down the lenient sentence the judge admitted that although Teixeira faced up to 25 years in prison, "His presence is critical to his special needs child." Teixeira's wife died in 2017 shortly after giving birth to twin boys, one of whom is autistic and nonverbal. Thirty nine people submitted letters to the judge on behalf of Teixeira, including both state senators he had previously worked for. In addition to the home confinement, he was ordered to pay back \$109,000 in restitution to the organizations that were overbilled.

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 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 reward anyone who sends us a good referral client.

Tax Preparer Files 1,387 False Tax Returns and Claims Over \$120 Million in Refunds

Leon Haynes, a tax preparer from New Jersey, was arrested for filing 1,387 tax returns falsely, and claiming more than 124 million dollars in COVID-19 employment tax credits.

The tax returns Haynes filed claimed false credits on behalf of his clients. He told his clients that the government was giving out COVID relief funds for businesses and that they qualified simply because they had a business. Without discussing the returns with his clients, Haynes submitted forms that grossly overstated the number of employees and wages paid. Haynes submitted similar returns for three of his own companies.

Based on his own tax returns, Haynes was sent multiple checks from the US Treasury totaling more than one million dollars. His clients received more than 31.6 million dollars in refunds, for which Haynes charged a 15% fee. The majority of his clients paid the fee in cash.

Each count of preparing and submitting a false tax return carries a maximum prison sentence of three years along with a \$250,000 fine.

Sales Manager Trades In Jacket and Tie for Orange Jumpsuit

The sales manager of Maxtrade, a Los Angeles based wholesaler and retailer of recreational vehicles and motorsports accessories, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for embezzling \$478,434 and failing to report any of the money on his tax returns.

Wing Hong Lee was in charge of processing customer orders and creating invoices for them. Once the goods were shipped and received by the customers, Lee would notify the accounting department that the customer had cancelled the order. In reality, Lee had customers' payments sent to accounts that he controlled.

From 2010 to 2015 Lee failed to report any of the stolen funds on his tax returns and owes \$180,743 in income taxes. In addition to the prison sentence Lee was ordered to pay \$659,177 in restitution to his former employer and the IRS.

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 Tom C who saved nearly a hundred thousand dollars because of our strategies in dealing with IRS Collections. And Tom never had to meet with nor talk to the IRS agents. We did it all. Tom has sung our praises since saving all that money.

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

Did You Know?

After the passage of the 16th amendment in 1913, Americans started paying a federal income tax as a lump sum once a year. It wasn't until WWII, when the government needed a steady stream of income to fund the war, that taxes started being withheld from paychecks.

Thank you for the Kind Words...

Mark Riddle and Tax Solution Expert have been like a knight in shining armor to me and my family. The IRS was wanting all our money, but Mark met with them and eliminated a large amount of penalties. I highly recommend Tax Solution Expert for your tax problems.

We'd Like to Hear From You...

If you have an IRS issue, or want to refer a friend, relative or client, we'd love to hear from you. We can provide a no-obligation confidential consultation to help anyone solve IRS problems.

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Each month, we'll give you a new trivia question. The first **THREE** people who call our offices with the correct answer will enjoy a \$250 reduction on any IRS service we provide. Your prize is also transferrable, so use it for yourself, or give it to a family member or friend. Take your best guess and call us now at 615-395-5888.

This month's question is....

Each graphite pencil has enough graphite to draw a line how many miles long?

- a) 35 miles c) 60 miles
b) 11 miles d) 100 miles

Call today at 615-395-5888.

Your IRS Questions Answered Here...

Question: *I haven't filed my tax returns for several years and the IRS just sent me a letter that I owe them 57,000. How can that be? What should I do?*

Answer: When a legally required income tax return isn't filed on time, the IRS can and will file an income tax return on your behalf. It's called a "substitute for return" or "SFR". Most of the time the ensuing tax liability is much greater than if you filed your own return. This is because the IRS doesn't give you credit for proper exemptions, credits nor deductions. They also use the most disadvantaged filing status, regardless of your actual filing status. In addition, it's a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$10,000 fine, for each year not filed.

The good news: A Tax Resolution Specialist can prevent this from happening, but you must act fast. Once retained we can replace all "SFRs" with originally filed returns, (even if you don't have records) reducing in most cases, what you owe. Once these returns have been filed, the next step is to negotiate a resolution with the IRS on the remaining amount owed. You will most likely be looking at one of two options – an Offer in Compromise or a properly structured Installment Agreement.

The Offer in Compromise (OIC) was created for people who owe the IRS but who, for whatever reason, are unable to pay their tax debt off, even over time. The Offer in Compromise allows taxpayers to negotiate a settlement amount that will take care of the entire tax debt once and for all. This settlement agreement can lower the tax debt by a significant amount, however there are strict eligibility requirements.

If you do not qualify for the OIC then you may consider the Installment Agreement, which if properly structured, allows you to pay off your debt over time by making manageable monthly payments, much like a commercial installment loan. Find out if you qualify for the IRS's Partial Pay Payment Plan.

We at Tax Solution Expert are tops at navigating the IRS maze and will customize a resolution plan to fit your individual needs to help you permanently solve your IRS problems.

Call us today at 615-395-5888 for a free confidential consultation.