

Tax Resolution Times

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Montana Contractor Headed to Prison for Not Paying 941 Taxes for Eight Years

Jason Rigoli, the owner of Granite Construction Services, of Peculiar, Montana plead guilty to one count of tax fraud. He did not file any personal, business, or employment tax returns from 2013 to 2020.

Rigoli used his business bank accounts to pay for personal expenses, such as travel, restaurant meals, and liquor. He also paid his employees in cash to avoid payroll taxes. When the IRS executed a search warrant at Granite Construction they found false returns that were not filed with the IRS, with labels such as "Fake/High," and "Real 2014".

In addition, Rigoli applied for two Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the Small Business Administration for the same business but under two different names. He received one loan but was denied the other, which he applied for under a shell company with his parents' address as the business address.

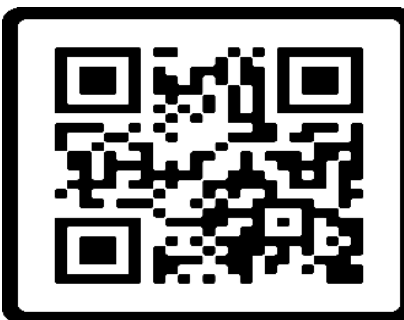
From 2014 to the date of his sentencing, Rigoli had paid only \$139 in federal or state income or employment taxes. His lack of books and records, and because he mostly used cash and comingled funds, the IRS was forced to reconstruct the company's books using bank records and documents recovered from the business. The IRS gave Rigoli the benefit of the doubt, and as a result, the total tax loss was relatively low. Rigoli owes \$138,455 in restitution, and he was sentenced to one-year and one-day in prison.

Employer Floored by Employee's Fraud and 1.8 Million Dollar Theft

Joanne Dinoto pleaded guilty to bank fraud, wire fraud, identity theft and filing a false tax return after stealing more than 1.8 million dollars from her employer, a flooring company in Ohio.

Between 2008 and 2020, Dinoto falsely inflated her salary, used her employer's credit card for personal use, and forged two checks to herself. To hide her scheme, she modified the company's accounting records and did not report any of the embezzled funds on her tax returns.

She faces multiple years in prison, and restitution to her employer and the IRS.



Thank you for the Kind Words...

“Helen Ogbu performed an extraordinary job getting my past due taxes reduced from \$400,000 to \$3,057. Ms. Ogbu filed papers with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), followed up on any IRS inquiries and negotiated the lowest amount of payment with the IRS.

Ms. Ogbu was extremely professional and handled every portion of this process in an outstanding way. A savings of this type of money is impossible, but Ms. Ogbu was able to logistically work this situation from start to finish, in a reasonable amount of time. I am grateful to Ms. Ogbu for her professionalism and accounting expertise.

She really spared me from a great financial burden that was left when my business was closed. I highly recommend Ms. Helen Ogbu for any and all tax services.”

-Mr. Johnson

“Ms.Helen Ogbu solved my back taxes problems quickly and professional I had a great amount of tax debt and I ended up only paying about 10% of that debt. Helen know just what to do thank you very very much.”

-David Josie

“Helen has been great asset to my law firm. She is honest, easy to reach, and friendly. I appreciate her attention to detail and professionalism.”

-Michael Plummer

Financial Manager Manages Company’s Money to Her Accounts

Mai Houa Xiong, a financial manager from California, pleaded guilty to wire fraud, identity theft and filing a false tax return after embezzling over \$1 million from her employer, a property management company in Minneapolis.

Xiong was the financial manager for the company and had access to the financials, bank accounts, vendor and contract payments and bookkeeping of several Homeowners Associations. From 2015 to 2022 she stole from HOA fees intended for maintenance, construction, and other costs, by disguising electronic transfers to her personal bank accounts as legitimate expenses. She also used her authority as a signatory to make cash withdrawals directly from the HOAs' accounts, including making withdrawals for months after she was fired from her position in July 2021.

After Xiong was fired, she began collecting unemployment benefits, and continued to do so even after she found another job.

Xiong faces several years in prison and restitution to her employer and the IRS.

Thank you!

Thanks to YOU, the word is spreading. Thanks to my clients and friends who graciously referred me to their friends, clients, and relatives last month! I enjoy building my business based on the positive comments and referrals from people just like you.

I just couldn't do it without you!

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Bookkeeper Steals *from the* *Hand that Feeds Her*

Carla Burke, the bookkeeper for the Anderson Community School Corporation Food Service Department, was sentenced to 28 months in prison for falsifying tax documents and wire fraud.

Burke was responsible for maintaining the financial records, bank account, and vendor invoices for the Department, and generating payments to vendors. From 2014 to 2019, she issued company checks to herself and then cashed them at her personal bank. She covered her tracks by recording the payee as a vendor, rather than herself, and used the money for her personal use, including gambling.

Burke lied to federal agents when they began investigating her, and did not report \$225,381 in income derived from the stolen checks on five years of tax returns.

The scheme was uncovered during a routine audit by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, when they discovered missing documentation. In total, Burke wrote 312 fraudulent checks to herself totaling \$976,773.29.

In addition to the prison sentence, Burke was ordered to pay \$976,772.39 in restitution to Anderson Community School Corporation and \$141,190 to the IRS.

Are You My Next Client of the Month?

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

This month's Clients of the Month are: **Callia Baines, Tiffany Burrell, Lori Frasier, Dr. Cheryl Landry, Julie Parenteau, Karen Smith, & Lauren Vaughan**. Thank you all for your repeat business and your referrals!! They are greatly appreciated!!!

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

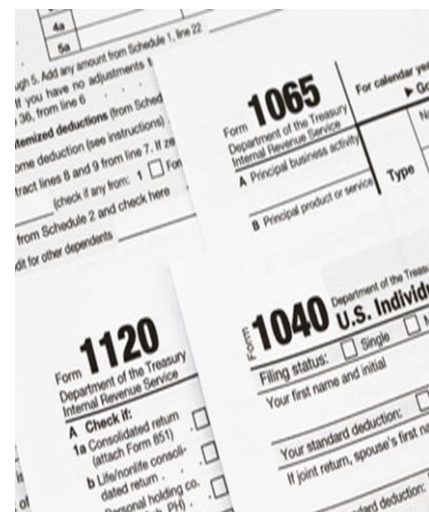
Thank you for the Kind Words...

'Helen is AWESOME. I am a customer of Helen Ogbu's Maryland Tax Resolution Services and am very, very, very happy with the results. Helen has the skills and experience to negotiate on my behalf with the IRS. The national chain that I contacted wanted alot (\$\$\$\$\$) of money to present my case. For a much more reasonable amount (\$\$\$\$), Helen processed my Offer In Compromise from start to finish. The final resolution was a one-time payment to IRS that was much more affordable. Helen has my highest recommendation.'

-Robert Toole

'This is a boutique tax firm that is not too small to handle incredibly large matters or too big to take the personal care in handling smaller matters. Whether the matter is a personal tax return or a business tax matter with the IRS, this tax firm is a jewel in the Nile. I stake my entire reputation on the integrity, professionalism and value of this firm. Only wish I have known about it sooner.'

-Donnell McNeil



Did You Know?

From 1784 to 1811, British citizens had to pay a tax on their hats. To prove they paid the tax, a stamp was pasted inside the hat. In 1798, a man named John Collins was caught using a printing press to forge the stamps. He was sentenced to death.

You can never appreciate your kids more than at tax time!

I'd Like to Hear From You!

If you have an IRS issue, or just 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 you solve your IRS problems.



MARYLAND TAX RESOLUTION, LLC
IRS Tax Problem Solver

Enter Our Trivia Contest for a Chance to Win a \$50 Transferrable Gift Certificate!

Take the Trivia Challenge to win!

Each month, I'll give you a new trivia question. The first **TWO** people who call my office with the correct answer win a free **\$50** reduction on any IRS service I 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 me at **(240) 206-8467**. (Valid for use once (1) per person, per twelve (12) months.)

This month's question is....

What is the most manufactured drink in the world?

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| a) Tea | c) Coca Cola |
| b) Coffee | d) Beer |

Call today at (240) 206-8467

Your IRS Questions Answered Here...

Question: *I own a small to medium sized business and did not file or pay our payroll taxes for the last few quarters. How much trouble am I in?*

Answer: Owing 941 payroll taxes is very different from owing personal 1040 income taxes. Not only can the IRS padlock the doors to your business, but they can also come after you personally, levy your bank accounts, confiscate your receivables, and seize your income and real property. Scarier still is that it could turn into a criminal matter. Why? Because the money has already been deducted from your employee's payroll checks; so, **it's not your money to begin with!** The IRS will look at it as if you stole their money. Payroll tax delinquency is the IRS's number one enforcement priority.

You need to get help NOW from an experienced professional who deals with the IRS every day. The IRS has special programs for business owners who have fallen behind on their payroll tax obligations. We can assess your situation and figure out the best way to protect you and will take over all dealings with the IRS, so you don't have to. Don't let them take everything you've worked so hard for, penalties and interest compound daily. Call us today so we can get you protected! There is a solution!

We at Maryland Tax Resolution, LLC are experts in tax resolution and help taxpayers with their IRS Problems every day. Call us today at **(240) 206-8467** for a FREE confidential consultation. We can put a stop to the IRS's aggressive enforcement tactics, but you have to take that first step and call us today!