

Tax Resolution Times

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



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IRS puts Major Dent in Auto Repair Shop's Tax Evasion Scheme

Aniello Strocchia, the owner of an auto repair shop in Queens, New York, pleaded guilty to defrauding the United States by concealing income from the IRS.

Between 2013 and 2017, Strocchia, with a few others, cashed more than 1.3 million dollars in checks payable to the repair shop at check cashing businesses. Strocchia concealed this from his tax preparers, which resulted in the filing of false tax returns that underreported the auto repair shop's gross receipts and ordinary business income, in addition to his personal income.

Strocchia used the money on personal expenses, including luxury cars and more than half a million dollars on home renovations. He also attempted to hide his income from his ex, who he took to court in 2016 in order to reduce his court mandated child support payments.

He faces a maximum of five years in prison and restitution and penalties to the IRS.

Tax Preparer Prepares to Go to Prison

Jean Montalvo, the owner of Montalvo Tax Service in Texas, was sentenced to 36 months in prison for making and subscribing a false return.

From 2014 to 2016, Montalvo did not report a portion of the fee she charged her customers for filing their returns to the IRS, causing a loss of \$197,136. She also filed 58 tax returns between 2014 to 2017 that contained false information, such as bogus charitable contributions, business meals and entertainment expenses. This caused the IRS a loss of \$311,214. In addition to the prison sentence Montalvo was ordered to pay the IRS \$508,350 in restitution.



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

Take 2.1 Million of These and Call Me in the Slammer

Pain clinic doctor, Qing McGaha, was sentenced to seven years and eight months in prison for illegal drug distribution, money laundering and filing a false tax return.

McGaha, a Florida licensed MD, operated a pain clinic and was arrested after a 20 month sting operation by the Drug Enforcement Agency. During that time, DEA agents visited the good doctor several times, and each time left the clinic with hydrocodone, hydromorphone or oxycodone, none of it for legitimate purposes. Between January 2016 and January 2021 McGaha distributed more than 2.1 million opioid pills.

In 2021, McGaha filed a false tax return that underreported the clinic’s income by nearly \$300,000.

In addition to the prison sentence, McGaha was ordered to forfeit an office condominium, \$774,216.12 in cash seized from her home, and \$170,512.34 from two bank accounts. She was ordered to pay \$100,000 in criminal fines and \$119,462.34 in restitution to 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!

Business Owner Dumps Company Funds In Her Account Faces Jail Time

The owner of a commercial trash collection and removal business, Michele Letourneau, pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return and engaging in a pattern of financial transactions created to avoid bank reporting requirements.

Between 2016 and 2020, Letourneau instructed her staff to separate checks written to her company that contained 'Inc.' in the payee description, from those that did not. Checks that included Inc. were logged into the company's customer tracking system and accounting ledgers and deposited into the business bank account. The other checks were logged into the company's customer tracking system but not the accounting ledgers. Letourneau deposited these checks into her personal bank accounts, keeping each deposit under \$10,000 to avoid bank reporting requirements.

Once the funds were available, Letourneau would withdraw the exact amount from the account. She made 196 deposits and withdrawals this way.

In total, Letourneau deposited \$1,261,724 in business funds into her personal account and did not disclose the income to the preparers of either her corporate or personal tax returns. She filed a false 2018 tax return that caused the IRS a loss of \$472,167.

She faces a maximum prison sentence of eight years and restitution 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.

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

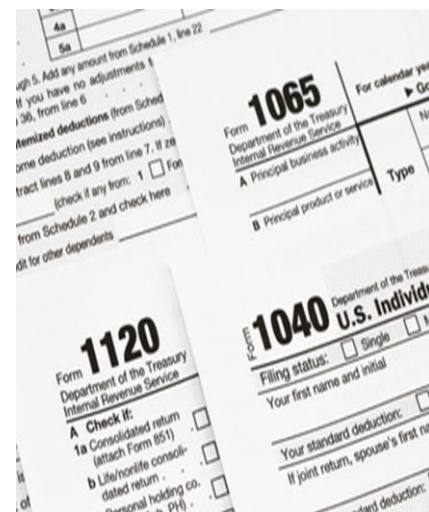
Thank you for the Kind Words...

"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?

Willie Nelson recorded an album, *The IRS Tapes: Who'll Buy My Memories*, as part of a deal he made with the IRS to pay back taxes. The album made 3.6 million dollars and Willie had to come up with another nine million to satisfy the debt.

Question

What do you call a trial balance that does not balance?

Answer

A late night.

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.



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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**.

This month's question is....

How many people took to the roads, rails and skies for the 2022 Thanksgiving Holiday?

- a) Almost 55 million c) Almost 25 million
b) Almost 75 million d) Almost 60 million

Call today at (240) 206-8467

Your IRS Questions Answered Here...

Question: *I own a small business and did not file or pay payroll taxes for the last few quarters. I may owe about \$100,000 in 941 taxes 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!