

Tax Resolution Times

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



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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.

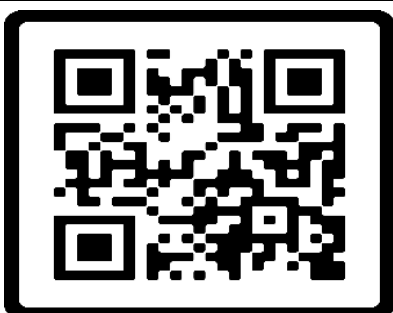
Bittner failed to report any of the stolen funds on his tax returns and caused the IRS a loss of \$270,686. He faces a maximum prison sentence of 20 years, a \$250,000 fine and restitution to his employer and the IRS.

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.

He faces up to five years in prison, a \$10,000 fine and 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

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 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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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.

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.

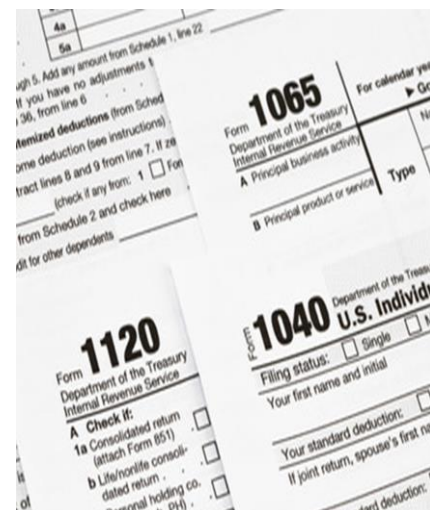
Thank you for the Kind Words...

"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?

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.

Question

What sort of taxes are on trash bags?

Answer

Hefty ones and no one is Glad about it

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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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.

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 (240) 206-8467

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 Maryland Tax Resolutions, LLC are experts 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 (240) 206-8467 for a free confidential consultation.