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Personal Trainer Faces 10 Years

A Boca Raton, Fla., personal trainer has pleaded guilty to a \$7 million human growth hormone scheme and tax fraud.

Patrick Bronder admitted his participation in a scheme to illegally distribute human growth hormone and commit income tax evasion for calendar year 2001. At sentencing, Bronder faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$500,000.

From April 2001 to June 2002, Bronder sold drugs to a pharmaceutical wholesaler for more than \$6.8 million. During the same period, Bronder received additional compensation of \$325,000 from the same pharmaceutical wholesaler for the sale of prescription drugs. Bronder instructed the wholesaler to send more than \$3.3 million in payments to a bank in the Bahamas. He then brought the money back to the United States by making more than 3,000 ATM withdrawals — a scheme intended to conceal the income from the IRS.

He faces up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

CEO Sentenced for Laundering, Evasion

A North Andover, Mass., man was sentenced to three years of probation for money laundering and filing a false tax return.

Frank P. Magliochetti, 50, must spend the first six months of his probation in home confinement, pay a \$50,000 fine and \$330,000 of restitution, and forfeit \$1 million.

According to government evidence, Magliochetti, while in 2002 president of Med Diversified Inc., a home health care company that was then publicly traded on the American Stock Exchange, he laundered \$330,000 in funds that he had converted from Med Diversified in order to conceal the source of those funds. In addition, Magliochetti filed a false tax return for 2002 in order to conceal the source of those funds and on that tax return falsely identified those funds as a capital gain.

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"Dr. Jekyll, how well do you know this Mr. Hyde who prepared your taxes?"

N.C. Exec Charged with Tax Conspiracy

A North Carolina corporate executive has been charged with tax conspiracy.

From January 2005 to January 2008, James O. McLamb Jr., 41, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and others collected and withheld federal taxes from individual employers on behalf of employees, then prepared false and fraudulent documents to mislead the IRS, causing Castleton to unlawfully retain these federal taxes instead of remitting them to the IRS.

"The mission of the IRS is to apply the tax laws with integrity and fairness to all," said IRS Special Agent in Charge Charles E. Hunter. "This means all taxpayers should pay their fair share. Large corporations and their officers are not above this."

He faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$25,000.

Liquor Store Owner Did Not Report \$100,000 in Income

A Connecticut man who did not report more than \$100,000 in income has received three years of probation. He must serve the first six months in home confinement.

Gurdev S. Kaura, 55, of Naugatuck, Conn., also must perform 150 hours of community service during his term of probation.

According to court records, during 2005, Kaura owned and operated Fairfield Wine and Liquor, a liquor store in Waterbury, Conn. Kaura was also employed as a maintenance worker for Pratt and Whitney in East Hartford, where he received W-2 wages.

Kaura signed and filed a false federal tax return. In the return, Kaura falsely represented that his total taxable income was \$8,136 when, in fact, his total taxable income was \$123,812, the difference resulting primarily from his willful failure to report approximately \$117,330 of proceeds from his liquor business. This resulted in a tax loss of \$32,955 to the Internal Revenue Service.

As part of the resolution of this matter, Kaura has agreed to forfeit \$87,431 and pay an additional \$67,249 in monies due and owing on the tax return, which includes approximately \$33,000 of outstanding interest and civil penalties.

COLO. INSURANCE AGENT EVADED TAXES

Cindy L. Beyersdorf, 47, of Northglenn, Colo., was sentenced to five years of probation and 300 hours of community service for filing a false federal income tax return.

She was also ordered to pay \$51,684.97 in restitution to the IRS.

Beyersdorf was indicted by a federal grand jury pleaded guilty to the charge.

A licensed insurance agent in Colorado, Beyersdorf owned and operated Horizons Insurance, a sole proprietorship. According to the plea agreement, Beyersdorf signed and filed an individual tax return for calendar year 2001 that falsely represented the gross receipts from the operation of Horizons Insurance as \$14,888 when in fact the gross receipts were \$87,878.

Beyersdorf further acknowledged that her 2002 and 2003 tax returns similarly understated Horizons Insurance's gross receipts and admitted that her criminal conduct caused a tax loss greater than \$30,000.

"It is important for people to have confidence that when they pay their taxes, their neighbors and competitors will do the same," said Terry L. Stuart, Special Agent in Charge of the IRS-Criminal Investigation, Denver Field Office.

Are You My 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 Client Of The Month is Rick Gould.

Mr. Gould owed \$30,000 in back taxes when he retained our firm. Not only were we able to settle his debt for \$0.00, but we got him back a refund too!!!!

Congratulations Mr. Gould.

You might be my next Client Of The Month too! Watch for your name here in an upcoming month.

"Who Else Wants To Win A \$250 Transferable Gift Certificate?"

Take my Trivia Challenge and you could win too!

This is one of my favorite sections. Each month I'll give you a new trivia question. The first THREE people who call my office with the correct answer win a free \$250 reduction on any IRS service I provide. (One per client, please.) And best yet, your certificate is transferable. Use it yourself, or give it to a family member or special friend and help them save money. Take your best guess, then call me at (818) 774-1813.

This Month's Mega Trivia Question...

Sex and the City is based on the work of which journalist?

- a) Rebecca Harding Davis
- b) Upton Sinclair
- c) Candace Bushnell
- d) Judith Miller

Call me right now with your answer! 818-774-1813

INDY WOMAN RECEIVES 24 MONTHS: TAX SCHEME

Tinisha Robinson, 32, of Indianapolis, Ind., was sentenced to 24 months in prison after pleading guilty to tax charges.

From January 2003 to May 2007, Robinson paid people in the Indianapolis area for use of their Social Security numbers and addresses. She then filled out a tax return in the person's name with false W-2s and other documentation and filed that with the IRS, claiming a refund due, usually for about \$2,000. When the refund check arrived, the person would sign it over to Robinson for a nominal fee of \$200 to \$300.

About \$67,000 of these fraudulent refunds were traced directly to bank accounts in Robinson's name. Twenty-nine returns and accompanying W-2s were false, and many of the people used as conduits for the false return scheme corroborated the details of the scheme.

MISS. WOMAN FILED FALSE TAX RETURN

Patricia A. Burnett, of Jackson, Miss., was sentenced for filing a false tax return in 2003. Burnett was sentenced to serve three years of probation, including a six-month term of home confinement. "We should not expect the honest taxpayer to foot the bill for those who hide income from the IRS," IRS Special Agent in Charge Michael J. De Palma said.

IRS Question Corner ...

Question: I owe a substantial amount in back taxes to the IRS, and the two programs I keep hearing and reading about are the Offer in Compromise and the Installment Agreement. What's the difference?

Answer: The difference is enormous, and determining which program is right for you will depend entirely on the amount you owe to the IRS and your current financial situation.

No matter which program is right for you, the first step you should take is to see a qualified tax professional. He or she will analyze your previous returns to make sure you are not obligating yourself to pay the IRS even a penny more than you owe. After all, why should you go in negotiating with Uncle Sam holding a hand that isn't even yours?

Now, here's the deal on the programs:

The Offer in Compromise is available for taxpayers who, for whatever reason, amassed a serious amount of debt and now lack the financial means to pay it off. Instead of having to chase down the taxpayer for decades on end, the IRS can use the Offer in Compromise program. This allows the IRS and the taxpayer to come to an agreement on a settlement amount that will eliminate the tax debt once and for all. This settlement amount often is for pennies on the dollar, and you should have a qualified tax professional with you to negotiate this.

For those who don't qualify for the Offer in Compromise, the Installment Agreement allows indebted taxpayers to come to an agreement with the IRS that allows them to pay down their tax debt over time. Think of it like a car payment: a substantial but not life-altering monthly payment that over time will take care of your debt.

I solve IRS problems like yours every day. I'm an IRS Problem Solver. For a free, no-risk consultation, please call my office at 818-774-1813.

Thank You! 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.

Tom Sitriano, CPA and Sherry and Howard Goodman

I just couldn't do it without you!

ALA. WOMAN GETS 33 MONTHS TAX CHARGES

Beverly Ann Byers, 46, of Leeds, Ala., was sentenced to 33 months in prison and ordered to pay \$249,454 in restitution to her former employer, Plateau Construction Company. As the bookkeeper for Plateau, she mailed 44 letters containing unauthorized company checks to herself and to pay her personal bills. These checks totaled \$249,454, and she failed to report approximately \$90,576 of the embezzled funds on her 2004 income tax return.

Thanks for the Kind Words...

"Tax Resolution Services (TRS) helped me when others could not, so hats off to you. This debt has been a dark cloud over my head until now. You have given me a future. Thank you."

- R. Gould

I'd Like To Hear From YOU!

Whether you'd like to avoid the IRS, contact the IRS, settle with the IRS or just want to refer a friend, relative or client, I'd love to hear from you. I would be happy to provide you or that special person you refer a no-obligation confidential consultation to explain every option available to solve IRS problems.

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