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IRS Reels in the Owner and His Employee of a Fish & Seafood Company on Tax Charges

- Jack Ventola, the owner of National Fish & Seafood, was arrested in November 2015 for failing to declare and pay taxes on more than \$2 million of income. The indictment against Ventola alleges that Ventola used the services of a temporary labor company named Continental Labor Team, which Ventola controlled. He allegedly prepared false invoices from Continental to obtain payments which he then would deposit directly into his account to pay personal expenses.

Richard Pandolfo, of Gloucester, MA, an employee of National Fish & Seafood was indicted on four counts of making and filing false tax returns. It's alleged that from 2009 to 2012, Pandolfo received over \$90,000 in unreported income. The payments were made to either Pandolfo or to a shell company set up in the name of Pandolfo's wife.

Neither case has gone to trial yet. Both Ventola and Pandolfo face up to 3 years in prison and a fine of \$100,000.

Know Your Tax Preparer

Tax preparer Sharon Ashby of N.J. pleaded guilty to preparing 48 fraudulent tax returns for her clients. Ashby intentionally included false employment information on fake W-2's, showing clients earning wages where they were not employed, and claiming deductions they were not entitled to receive, in order generate false refunds. Ashby filed these returns electronically and kept a portion of the refund for herself. The fake returns resulted in the IRS issuing refunds in the amount of \$238,877. She faces up to 5 years in prison.



"LET'S FREEZE THOSE WHO DIE OWING TAXES, THAN THAW THEM OUT WHEN A CURE IS FOUND."

Interesting Tax Facts

-An IRS rule change in 1987 required taxpayers to list their dependents social security number on tax returns. After the change was made, a tenth of the children listed as dependents, almost 7 million, suddenly “disappeared” from being declared.

-The instructions for completing a 1040 return are more than 100 pages long. The instructions for the basic 1040EZ are more than 40 pages long. According to the IRS, the average time it takes to complete the 1040EZ is 5 hours.

-Madison Square Garden has not had to pay any property taxes since 1982. The arrangement was supposed to last for only 10 years, but because of an error in the writing of the agreement, it remains in perpetuity. This break has cost New York City more than \$350 million.

-The U.S. has the third highest corporate tax rates in the world, only exceeded by Chad and the United Arab Emirates. However, many large corporations did not pay any taxes in 2014, including General Electric, Time Warner and Prudential Financial.

-Even money earned illegally is subject to income tax. Some states require drug dealers to pay taxes on the drugs they sell, and the tax may be due as soon as the drugs are in their possession. To pay the tax anonymously, dealers can buy tax stamps and affix them to containers of controlled substances.

Owner of Anti-Aging Center Will Need Treatments after Prison Term

Business owner, Kathleen Stegman, from Leawood, KS, was found guilty of four counts of tax evasion in April 2015. Stegman was the owner of Midwest Medical Aesthetics Center which offers laser hair removal, dermabrasion and anti-aging procedures and products.

Evidence at her trial showed that Stegman under-reported her company’s gross receipts and overstated her expenses. She also diverted income to her personal account and failed to report the income on her tax returns. Stegman and her husband, Christopher Smith, who himself owned a construction company, fabricated repairs and a maintenance contract between the two companies in order to increase their expense deductions. It was shown that Stegman wrote a check to Smith’s company to show the “expense”, but the funds were then used to buy gold coins.

A sentencing date has not been set, but Stegman could face up to 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count.

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!

This month I would like to thank Dan and Kristen and their awesome team at KOR Strength and Conditioning for their continued support. If you’re looking for a cool spot to work out, check them out in North Park. Check out their website www.mykorstrength.com, call them at 619-450-6035 or visit them at

4223B 30th Street, San Diego, 92104.

Tell them Bob from All County Tax Services sent you.

Five Arrested in the Largest Single Action in the History of the IRS Impersonation Scam

A call into the IRS Aging Committee's Fraud Hotline in October, 2015 resulted in the arrest of five individuals operating out of Miami, FL who allegedly scammed almost \$2 million from more than 1,500 victims.

The caller reported that he received a call from an individual claiming to be from the IRS and demanded immediate payment of alleged back taxes in the amount of \$2,000. The victim was told to go to his local Walmart store and wire the money via MoneyGram immediately. The victim was so distraught that on his way to Walmart he crashed his car but left the scene of the crime to wire the money to avoid possible legal action.

The Fraud Hotline investigator was able to trace the wire and using surveillance tapes, was able to identify two suspects. A further investigation led them to three additional suspects.

Jennifer Nunez, Dennis Cabellero, Arnoldo Mirabal, Yaritza Diaz and Roberto Caballero were arrested without incident and charged in May, 2016 with wire fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Their trial date is pending.

Even with the arrests, this scam is still going strong. Please do not fall for their pranks and send money.

Landscaping Business Owner Trims His Income on Tax Returns

Angelo Dimeglio, of Lawrence, N.J. and president of Caliper Farms Nursery, LLC, was sentenced to 9 months in prison followed by 9 months home confinement, and a \$10,000 fine after pleading guilty to tax evasion.

Dimeglio had sole control and access to the company's business bank accounts, but instead of depositing customers' checks into the business account, Dimeglio cashed checks, or deposited them in his personal or family members' accounts. Dimeglio also provided false information on his earnings to his tax preparer.

For the tax year 2011, Dimeglio reported a taxable income of \$25,896, when in fact the income for the company that year was \$520,968. For the tax years 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013, Dimeglio failed to report over \$1.65 million in income.

In addition to his jail time and fine, Dimeglio will owe the IRS back taxes of \$158,619 for 2011 and \$429,898 for the additional tax years.

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. My clients of the month will receive a small gift as a token of my appreciation.

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Roofer Gets Nailed for Income Tax Evasion

Carlstadt, N.J. resident Michael Tattoli and owner of Mike's All Season Roofing pleaded guilty to income tax evasion relating to his 2010, 2011 and 2012 tax returns. Tattoli deposited checks payable to his company into his personal account and intentionally did not report the income on his personal tax returns. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 2016 where he could face up to 5 years in prison.



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This month's question is....

What is the due date for individual taxpayers who filed extensions in April 2016?

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| a) June 15, 2016 | c) September 15, 2016 |
| b) July 15, 2016 | d) October 15, 2016 |

Your IRS Questions Answered Here...

Question: *I was self-employed and haven't been able to pay my taxes for 3 years. Now I'm a W-2 employee but I'm getting letters from the IRS demanding payment and threatening to garnish my paycheck. What should I do?*

Answer: The IRS doesn't like being ignored and they want you to know they won't go away. They have a lot of power over your life. They have 10 years to collect from the date you filed your return. Not only can they freeze your bank accounts, but can seize the money in those accounts! They can also garnish your wages and legally take as much as 75% of your net paycheck. Besides slapping on Bank Levies and Wage Garnishments, they can put a lien on your house and other property. If you sell your house the IRS gets their money first if there is sufficient equity to pay all encumbrances. Federal Tax Liens will damage your credit, making it harder to rent an apartment, get a car, or obtain any kind of credit. They can even show up at your door! Interest and penalties continue to accrue on a daily basis so don't delay in seeking professional help with your tax problems! We offer immediate relief by protecting you from the IRS garnishing your wages and taking money from your bank accounts.

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