

Learn how to avoid IRS problems and solve them if you find yourself with one!

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"Even if your dog did do his business in the basement, you still can't deduct it as office space."

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# **IRS Times & Inquirer**

"Read About Taxpayers with IRS Problems & Learn Helpful Tips on How To End Them."

# Singer Dionne Warwick Takes Tax Debt to Bankruptcy

Singer Dionne Warwick owes a staggering amount in back taxes and has asked a judge to discharge the debt in bankruptcy proceedings.

According to reporting by celeberity news website TMZ, a bankruptcy trustee recommended that Warwick, whose star as a singer began to rise in the 1960s, have \$10.7 million in debts discharged. Of the large debt, the majority, more than \$7 million, is owed to the IRS.

Warwick filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy in 2013. At the time, she'd already earned a solid reputation for being a delinquient taxpayers.

# Chicago Hotelier Gets Six Years for Tax Crime

The former manager of a defunct Chicago-based real estate company that acquired and managed hotels, including the Blake Hotel in Chicago and others in South Florida, was sentenced to more than six years in federal prison for evading more than \$1.7 million in federal income taxes.

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## POLICE DETECTIVE GOT IN WAY OF IRS INQUIRY

A former Connecticut police detective was sentenced to five months in prison for obstructing an IRS investigation.

According to court documents, the IRS in December 2011 was conducting an investigation of Thomas Thorndike, a tax preparer.

In connection with that investigation, the IRS requested to interview Robert Liquindoli, 42, of Waterbury, Conn., whose 2007 and 2008 tax returns had been prepared by Thorndike. After being contacted by the IRS, Liquindoli sought to obstruct the IRS's investigation by obtaining false documents that he intended to present to the IRS in support of deductions he claimed on his tax returns.

Between December 2011 and February 2012, Liquindoli engaged in an effort to obtain false documents in support of false items on these tax returns, and lied to the IRS concerning the extent to which he possessed original and legitimate documents to support deductions on his tax returns. Liquindoli also falsely denied that he had attempted to obtain false documents to support those deductions.

Liquindoli, who was formerly employed as a detective with the Waterbury Police Department, was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,489.56.

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Robert D. Falor, 48, of Chicago, siphoned millions of dollars from the Blake's operations to support a lavish lifestyle that included multimillion-dollar homes, luxury cars, boats and planes. Falor pleaded guilty in May 2013 to two counts of federal income tax evasion.

Falor was the chief operator and manager of The Falor Companies, which involved his brother and their father and, before it ceased operations in 2006, acquired and managed hotel properties through a complex network of limited liability corporations.

# Florida Businessman Guilty of Tax Charges

A Florida businessman pleaded guilty to five counts of submitting a false tax return, two counts of aiding in the preparation of a false tax return, one count of mail fraud, and one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud

As the president of Henderson Electric Heat and Air Conditioning and Henderson Electric, Douglas Edward Henderson, 51, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., caused personal expenses to be paid from business accounts for the years 2008 through 2010, and caused their false classification as business expenses associated with contracts between his companies and MacDill Air Force base.

These items were then falsely deducted on corporate tax returns and the personal income was never reported on his individual income tax return, for which he later provided false invoices to the IRS in an attempt to conceal the crime.

Henderson also engaged in a fraudulent short sale of a condominium causing the mortgage company to lose nearly \$500,000.

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#### FINANCIAL COUNSELOR FAILED TO REPORT \$1.8 MILLION IN INCOME

A Florida man was sentenced to one year in prison for an income tax evasion charge in Michigan.

Brett Loren Kelly, 53, formerly of Lake Orion, Mich., and now of Bradenton, Fla., failed to report approximately \$1.8 million in income for the 2009 tax year.

Kelly earned the funds by performing financial consulting, and deposited the funds into a corporate account called Fidelity Capital Group.

While earning these funds, Kelly lived an affluent lifestyle, but did not file tax returns and paid no taxes.

Kelly was ordered to pay restitution to the IRS for tax liabilities in the amount of \$181,212 for the years of 2007 through 2009, which he paid before sentence was imposed.

"Kelly thought he had successfully disguised his income by diverting it into an undisclosed account," Carolyn Weber, Acting Special Agent in Criminal Charge **IRS** Investigation, said in statement.

"He should never have underestimated the IRS Criminal Investigators who were able to follow the money and bring him to justice."

# Horse Breeder Guilty of Evasion

A Colorado horse breeder was sentenced to prison for tax evasion.

Nikitis A. Mangeris, 70, of Berthoud, Colo., was sentenced to four months in federal prison after pleading guilty. He was also ordered to serve 24 months of home detention following his prison sentence as part of a three-year term of supervised release. In addition, Mangeris must pay a \$1,200 fine and \$891,955.28 in restitution to the IRS.

According to the indictment and plea agreement, Mangeris owned and operated several vitamin businesses since the mid-1990s. In 1992, he owned 25 percent of a vitamin business called Kaire International, which generated between \$5 million and \$6 million monthly. Mangeris received income from Kaire International until approximately 1999, when he left the company. He also owned and operated a horse business during this time period.

In 2002, the IRS audited Mangeris for calendar years 1997 to 1999. He agreed with the IRS assessment and collection of back taxes, penalties and interest in the amount of \$891,955.28. Mangeris then opened back accounts in nominee names and started depositing money into these accounts to conceal assets.

In January 2007, Mangeris made false verbal representations during a meeting with a revenue officer. He stated on the form that he was self-employed, had no real assets, had no income, lived with friends and relatives, and maintained no bank accounts.

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## FLA. MAN CHARGED WITH INCOME TAX EVASION

William "Geri" Eaton, 59, of Tallahassee, Fla., was charged with tax evasion and making false statements. Prosecutors allege that between August 2010 and December 2011, Eaton willfully evaded payment of more than \$650,000 in federal income taxes by concealing assets from the IRS and making false and misleading statements, as well as by opening a bank account using a false Social Security number.

## Thanks for the Kind Words...

"I just wanted to write and let you know how much I appreciate all the hard work you did in solving my IRS Problems. You and your staff were very professional and helpful. I couldn't have done it without you!"

Marjorie Heckendorf

# 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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## "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 (972) 385-8182 | (877) 590-2500

This Month's Mega Trivia Question...

#### Which film won the Best Movie Oscar?

a) American Hustle

c) 12 Years a Slave

b) Frozen

d) Gravity

<<Answer c; 12 Years a Slave >>

Call me right now with your answer! (972) 385-8182 | (877) 590-2500

### IRS Question Corner ...

**Question:** I'm losing sleep. I'm about to file another year's tax return. And I still owe the IRS way more than I can possibly pay back. What can I do?

**Answer:** Thanks for sending in your question. It's an important one — not only because it has significant bearing on your life, but also because you are one of thousands of U.S. taxpayers in this exact situation.

First, remind yourself that you *do* have options and that your current tax debt isn't insurmountable. I'm going to explain why.

At your earliest chance, you should see a qualified tax professional. In my experience, many people who believe they have significant tax debt discover through careful analysis of previous returns by a qualified tax professional that they actually owe less than they originally thought they did. After all, why start the process of negotiating with the IRS by claiming a debt amount that is *even a penny* more than you actually owe?

Once you know exactly what you owe, it's time to meet with the IRS. Here's where your options begin.

In your situation, assuming you lack the assets and future earnings prospects to pay off your debt over time, I recommend you consider an Offer in Compromise. For those who qualify, an Offer in Compromise allows taxpayers to settle their tax debts with the IRS in a lump-sum payment that often amounts to *much less than they owe*. Really, it's true. That's because over time the IRS has learned that it can actually be more effective to negotiate than to chase indebted taxpayers for years and years and years. If you do not qualify for the Offer in Compromise, you may consider the Installment Agreement, which allows you to pay off your debt over time in manageable monthly payments.

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