

# Tax Resolution Times

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



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## **He Helped Millions Fight Off Viruses Then Hid His Millions from the IRS**

John McAfee, the creator of McAfee VirusScan software, has been arrested in Spain and is awaiting extradition to the US on charges of tax evasion. He is accused of failing to file tax returns from 2014 to 2018 despite earning more than 23 million dollars during that time.

McAfee resigned from the company that bears his name in 1994, and during the last few years derived a lucrative income from speaking engagements, consulting work, crypto-currencies and selling the rights to his life story.

To evade paying taxes McAfee had his payments deposited into bank accounts and cryptocurrency exchange accounts in the names of nominees, and concealed assets, including a yacht and real estate, by putting them in the names of others.

Last year McAfee tweeted that he hadn't filed tax returns for eight years because, "Taxation is illegal." He faces up to 30 years in prison.

## **Charged! And We Don't Mean His Car!**

Cory Beck, a senior manager in the information technology department at Tesla, the electric car maker, pleaded guilty to three counts of filing false tax returns after he failed to disclose more than \$220,000 in income generated from selling MacBooks he stole from his employer.

Beck had access to the company's vast array of computer products. He stole the laptops from October 2015 to March 2018.

He faces up to three years in prison and fines totaling \$100,000 for each of the three counts he pleaded guilty to.

### **Question:**

***Why do sharks not attack  
tax auditors?***

### **Answer:**

***Professional  
Courtesy***

## **Dippin Into The Donut Box An Old-Fashioned Way**

John and Helen Zourdos, and their son Dimitrios, owners of three Dippin Donuts in New York, were charged with conspiracy to defraud the IRS, tax evasion, and aiding and assisting in the filing of false tax returns.

The family members are accused of concealing more than one million dollars in cash sales from the IRS from 2013 to 2017. Their scheme included depositing cash directly into their personal bank accounts, providing false information to their accountant and causing said accountant to file false individual and corporate tax returns.

The trio is also accused of committing employment tax fraud by paying employees a portion of their wages in cash.

They face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison as well as restitution and supervised release.

## **Finance Director Steals Over 1.5 Million from School Board Goes to Prison to Learn a Lesson**

Laurie Wade, the financial director for the Franklin County Board of Education in Kentucky, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for money laundering and filing false tax returns.

Beginning in 2011 and continuing through 2019, Wade wrote numerous unauthorized checks from the school board account to herself and made false entries into the company's accounting program to cover her tracks.

Simultaneously, Wade served as the treasurer of the Leestown Gospel Church and controlled its finances with little oversight. Over a period of several years she used the Church to launder money she had stolen from the school board. She made repeated deposits into the church bank account and then wrote checks to herself, attempting to legitimize the stolen funds. It was a check from the school board for \$89,100, deposited into the church account, that first alerted the FBI to Wade's criminal activity.

## **Thank you!**

This month I would like to thank Tom Daly with the Small Business Development Center at Daytona State College who refers his clients.

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!

## **Office Manager of Supply Company Supplies Herself with Company's Cash**

The office manager of a contractors supply company in Illinois, Joan Chenoweth, has been indicted by a grand jury for embezzlement and for filing false tax returns.

Chenoweth controlled the company's finances and had access to the business's credit cards and bank accounts. In addition to writing company checks to herself, she paid personal credit card bills with company credit cards, and wrote unauthorized payroll checks to herself that exceeded her salary.

She avoided detection by making false entries into the company's accounting program and by deleting true and correct entries. During a four-year period Chenoweth stole approximately \$624,152.

In addition to the fraud charges, she is charged with filing false income tax returns for 2014 through 2017.

If convicted, Chenoweth will be required to pay restitution and penalties, and faces up to 20 years in prison.

## ***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.

This month's Client of the month is Thomas - Thomas has early stage dementia. The IRS had levied his retirement income and was going after his real property. Because of his medical condition, we were able to get all of his penalties abated and help him sell his property to pay the IRS just the tax due and interest. No penalties. He is now free and clear of any tax liabilities.

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

## **Son of Former Mob Boss Doesn't Toe the Line**

Gennaro Angiulo, the owner of GJ Towing in Boston, was charged with a payroll fraud scheme that defrauded the US government by more than 3.3 million dollars. Angiulo is the son of Gennaro 'Jerry' Angiulo, a former mob boss who ran the mafia in Boston with his brothers from the 1960s to the 1980s.

From 2014 through 2017 the younger Angiulo paid a portion of wages to his employees in cash, and failed to collect, account for, or pay over to the IRS the required withholding and FICA taxes.

To fund payroll Angiulo cashed checks made out to the towing company and failed to record those checks as income, furthering his legal troubles.

Angiulo faces up to 15 years in prison, restitution, and fines up to \$750,000.

## Did You Know?

Arkansas has so many natural disasters that in 1997 the legislature created the damaged car credit. Taxpayers can claim a sales tax credit for the purchase of a car to replace one destroyed in a natural disaster.

## Thank you for the Kind Words...

Melody says "I highly recommend Fix-It Accounting for your business and personal needs. Nancy and her team are intelligent, thorough, trustworthy, and responsive. I am thankful to work with them."

## 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 \$250 Transferrable Gift Certificate!

### Take the Trivia Challenge to win!

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 **NEW** IRS Resolution 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 386-320-5347.

This month's question is....

### How many feathers does a mature turkey have?

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| a) About 1800 | c) About 5000 |
| b) About 3500 | d) About 600  |

## Your IRS Questions Answered Here...

**Question:** *I've finally decided to seek help from a Tax Professional who specializes in Tax Problem Resolution. I want to start getting my paperwork together for the appointment; what will I need to bring with me?*

**Answer:** It's very important to have certain documentation with you for the initial interview. Your tax resolution specialist will need this info to determine the best way to move forward to resolve your tax issues. The items to bring include:

- The most recent IRS/State tax notices and collection letters;
- Copies of your last two years of filed income (1040) tax returns;
- A monthly household cash flow budget by expense category (list all outflows of money)
- Your most recent paystubs with YTD info verifying income from all sources and all withholdings and payroll deductions;
- If you are self-employed, an independent contractor, or small business owner, prepare a "rough draft" current profit and loss statement. If this is not possible, just bring your Schedule C from your most recently filed 1040;
- A list of any quarterly estimated tax payments made, if any, for the current year

We at fix-it accounting 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 386-320-5347 for a free confidential consultation.**