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Tax Crimes

Two Men from Tampa Sentenced for Tax Crimes

Two men from Tampa, Florida were sentenced to prison terms for their roles in a tax scheme to defraud the IRS. Gregory F. Guido, 54 and George B. Calvert, 78 were sentenced for conspiracy to defraud, commit wire fraud and illegal monetary transactions. They were found guilty by jurors June 21 and each received nine and seven years' prison terms respectively.

The scheme involved landfills that the two men claimed they had the right to. From 2003 to 2006, the men identified landfills and claimed they had the rights to the methane gas found there. But prosecutors instead revealed that they sold their rights as fraudulent tax credits. It appears they made up fraudulent engineering reports and landfill purchase agreements to mask their actual intentions to defraud the IRS.

Another accomplice, Robert Henry Anderson was given a reduced sentence when he aided authorities in their investigations.

Mandeville Accountant Steals from Companies, Lies to IRS

A former CPA from Mandeville, 54-year old Anthony Tulli pleaded guilty to charges of stealing more than \$200,000 from two St. Tammany Parish companies, then lying to the IRS and cheating the agency of \$800,000 in taxes.

Tulli's original charge was for mail fraud when he was accused of cheating the hair salon, at which he was the accountant, of more than \$40,000 between 1999 and 2005. He would pocket the money that was to have been remitted for taxes and divert the IRS' delinquent notices to his own address so that the owners of the salon were none the wiser.

Then in February last year, at another company at which he was the accountant, Tulli was indicted on 46 counts of wire fraud for stealing more than \$170,000. This time the company concerned was an oil consulting company that has operations in Covington and Texas. Tulli was charged with inflating state and federal taxes in payroll checks and pilfering the differences after paying the taxes. Payroll information was emailed to Tulli by the company as their accountant, enabling him to prepare the fraudulent invoices 46 times.

The company brought a lawsuit against Tulli which he has now settled.

A third case involving Tulli is where he is charged for allegedly failing to remit \$818,879 in federal taxes from a north shore scrap metal company between 1999 and 2002 when it engaged him as their accountant. Tulli admitted to diverting the company's tax money into his own account.

At the same time, Tulli also confessed that, on August 18, he lied to the IRS, claiming to be a certified public accountant even though his certificate was revoked in May 2010.

A federal grand jury repeated the 2010 mail fraud charge, combined the 46 wire fraud counts and added the charges of failing to submit taxes and lying to the IRS.

Tulli faces 20 years' jail on each of the fraud charges and up to 5 years each for failing to submit taxes and making false statements. In addition, he would probably have to pay restitution to the companies he cheated and the IRS.