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BALTIMORE POLITICAL COUPLE PAY OFF \$45K FEDERAL TAX LIEN

The debt was filed against Baltimore's top prosecutor and the city council president.

Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby and her husband, City Council President Nick Mosby, have paid off a \$45,000 federal tax lien, according to information filed in court.

The Internal Revenue Service filed the tax lien in March 2020, listing unpaid taxes from 2014 to 2016.

The tax lien came amid investigations of the Baltimore power couple's per

sonal business and tax records.

State investigators had subpoenaed business and financial records. The *Baltimore Sun* newspaper obtained a grand jury subpoena that revealed that federal prosecutors had opened a criminal financial investigation of Marilyn and Nick Mosby.

Through their lawyer, the couple has denied any wrongdoing.

MAN DIDN'T REPORT BUSINESS, GAMBLING IN-

A Connecticut businessman and professional poker player was sentenced to 14 months in prison for tax evasion.

Guy Smith, 63, of Shelton, Connecticut, owns a business that specializes in commercial interior construction. He has also participated in poker tournaments at casinos in Connecticut and other lo

cations around the U.S. and the Bahamas. Smith withdrew funds from both his business and personal bank accounts for his.

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gambling business.

Smith did not report approximately \$1.1 million in income he received from his business and paid no income taxes on more than \$1 million in gambling winnings. Smith failed to pay \$821,415 in federal income taxes.

W O M A N FACES WIRE FRAUD, TAX CHARGES

A Delaware woman was charged with wire fraud and tax evasion as part of an alleged scheme in which she embezzled more than \$1 million from her former employer.

According to court records, Joan Donald, 54, worked as a bookkeeper for Dovetail, a high-end interior design in Bethany Beach, Delaware. Over the course of at least seven years, Donald took advantage of her access to the company's financial account information, as well as the ailing health of Dovetail's elderly owner, to drain funds from Dovetail. Bank records show that Donald used Dovetail's funds to pay for her personal expenses, including purchasing vehicles and taking trips to Disneyworld.

She allegedly did not report the embezzled money as income. If convicted, she faces up to 20 years in prison.

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COLORADO BUSINESSMAN CREATED FAKE CHURCH FOR TAX DEDUCTION

Despite warnings from his tax preparer, the businessman made the false claim to the IRS.

A Colorado businessman was sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison and ordered to pay \$241,964.71 in restitution for submitting a false tax return to the IRS.

Trenton Switzer, 40, of Gypsum, Colorado, had pleaded guilty to the charge.

According to court records, Switzer operated a sales training business that generated significant income. Switzer then attempted to avoid paying taxes on his income by falsely claiming that he had made a \$250,000 charitable contribution to a fake church that he created for the purpose of evading taxes. As part of this scheme, Switzer incorporated the "Church of Divine Sovereignty" and opened a bank account in its name. Less than 24 hours after incorporating it, Switzer filed documents dissolving the fake church. Later, Switzer deposited

\$250,000 into the church bank account he created and then used that money to purchase bitcoin.

Switzer provided his tax preparer with a letter, signed by Switzer himself as the "pastor" of his fake church, purporting to memorialize the \$250,000 as a charitable contribution. Switzer's tax preparer warned him that his fake church did not qualify as a charitable organization. Despite the warnings, Switzer falsely claimed the \$250,000 deduction.

"Mr. Switzer's claim to be the pastor of a fake church he created to evade his taxes landed him in a real prison," said Acting U.S. Attorney Matt Kirsch.

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ABOUT THE OFFER IN COMPROMISE

Did you know it's possible to settle your debt with the Internal Revenue Service for less than the IRS says you owe?

If you owe a substantial amount in back taxes to the government, you may be eligible to participate in the Offer in Compromise program. This program allows you to make an offer to the IRS that could settle your tax debt for significantly less than you owe.

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ABOUT THE INSTALLMENT AGREEMENT

Are you earning a good living but just unable to pay your back taxes?

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TAX DEFIER GUILTY IN LIEN CASE

After receiving an IRS tax penalty letter, he filed liens to harass local officials.

A tax defier was found guilty at trial of three counts of filing or attempting to file false liens against federal officials and one count of obstructing or impeding the due administration of the IRS.

According to court records, Hakim Amal Archible, 29, of Hampton, Georgia, received an IRS tax penalty letter for \$5,000 for filing frivolous tax returns. In retaliation, Archible filed false liens against the former Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and the former IRS Commissioner with the Fayette County Clerk of Court in 2014 and 2015. The liens were in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$100 billion and named the federal officials as debtors and responsible parties for Archible's financial liabilities.

Archible also filed false liens against Georgia state officials. Archible targeted Henry County, Georgia officials, including the Clerk of Court, District Attorney, and Superior Court Judge, because he was being prosecuted there on unrelated charges. Archible's conduct demonstrated a pattern of harassment and retaliation.

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OWNER OF RESTAURANTS PLEADS GUILTY IN TAX CASE

The owner of five Chicago-area Pepe's Mexican Restaurant franchises has been sentenced to more than a year in federal prison for filing false corporate tax returns that underreported \$2.5 million in gross receipts and sales.

Juan C. Hurtado, 45, of Joliet, Illinois,

owned Pepe's franchises in Chicago, Tinley Park, Hickory Hills, Matteson, and Chicago Heights.

Hurtado admitted that he underreported the gross receipts and sales of his restaurants by a combined total of approximately \$2.5 million.



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