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## DENNIS RODMAN OWES \$500,000 IN UNPAID FEDERAL TAXES

*The debt is mostly from the year Rodman took a controversial trip to North Korea.*

Basketball great, Dennis Rodman owes the Internal Revenue Service \$500,000 in unpaid federal taxes.

According to documents obtained by *Radar*, the IRS filed a tax lien against Rodman, a retired basketball player who was known for his fierce defensive skills.

Rodman played for the Detroit Pistons, San Antonio Spurs, Chicago Bulls, Los

Angeles Lakers and Dallas Mavericks.

Rodman was also known on and off the court for his flamboyant style and "bad boy" image.

Rodman's IRS debt is for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. Most of the debt is from 2017, the year Rodman made a controversial and well-publicized trip to North Korea, whose leader, Kim Jong Un, is a basketball fan.

## GEORGIA MAN FILED FOR \$165 MILLION IN REFUNDS

A Georgia man was convicted at trial for filing \$165 million in fraudulent tax returns.

Marquet Antwain Burgess Mattox, 49, was found guilty of nine counts of wire fraud, 10 counts of false claims against the U.S. government, and one count of theft of government funds.

The IRS paid approximately \$5 million of the requested refunds, which Mattox used to purchase a house, expensive furniture and *CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE*

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a luxury automobile. “Mattox intentionally manipulated the tax system for personal benefit,” said IRS Agent in Charge James E. Dorsey.

Mattox faces up to 20 years in prison on the wire fraud counts, five years on the false claims counts, and 10 years on the theft of government funds count. ■

## DELAWARE W O M A N FACES UP TO FIVE YEARS

A Delaware woman, pled guilty to failing to pay employment taxes on behalf of a local business.

According to court records, Sara Collins, 49, served as the corporate secretary of a plumbing, heating and air conditioning business for over 20 years. Collins was responsible for overseeing payroll disbursement and filing tax documents on behalf of the business.

Beginning in the first quarter of 2013 through the last quarter of 2019, Collins failed to file quarterly forms with the IRS and paid less than \$37,000 in payroll taxes for that entire six-year period.

In total, Collins failed to pay more than \$930,000 owed to the IRS by the business.

Collins faces up to five years in prison. ■

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## THREE MEN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL GAMBLING, TAX EVASION CHARGES

*The lead defendant was involved in an illegal sports-betting operation for at least 10 years.*

Two men from Georgia and a third from South Carolina have been sentenced for participating in an illegal gambling operation.

Grady Brandon Mobley, 44, of Waynesboro, Georgia, was sentenced to five years of probation and forfeited \$340,084. Mobley also must pay \$207,716 in restitution to the IRS and Georgia Department of Revenue.

Daniel Cates, 40, of Waynesboro, Georgia, was sentenced to three years of probation and agreed to forfeit \$100,000, and fined \$4,000. While, Joel Rees Jones, 59, of Greenwood, South Carolina, was sentenced to four years of probation and a fine of \$10,000.

Mobley operated as a “bookie” for an illegal sports-betting operation for at least 10 years, at first collecting bets and

paying out winnings himself, and later through a sports betting website operated from Costa Rica.

During this period, Mobley admitted to filing false information on his income tax returns to conceal the amount of proceeds from the illegal gambling operation.

“With his long-running illegal gambling operations, Grady Mobley showed utter disregard for the law and compounded the activity by drawing others into his orbit,” Acting U.S. Attorney, David H. Estes said in a statement. “These sentences will hold them all accountable for their actions.” ■

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## ABOUT THE OFFER IN COMPROMISE

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## FLORIDA WOMAN CHARGED IN CORPORATE TAX CASE

*As the bookkeeper, she allegedly paid "ghost employees" to hide compensation.*

The former payroll manager for a home healthcare company has been charged with a federal tax offense.

According to court records, Innis Frederick, 61, of Saint Cloud, Florida, worked for Equinox Home Care, which was originally established as a partnership between Frederick's sister, Theresa Foreman, and another individual.

Between approximately 2012 and 2016, Frederick assisted Foreman by processing payroll that caused checks to be issued to "ghost employees" who did not actually work for the company.

The money paid to the ghost employees was actually paid to, Foreman, who did not report the hundreds of thousands of dollars of income on her tax returns.

By submitting false payroll data, Frederick also caused false Forms W-2 and W-3 to be submitted to the IRS.

If convicted, Frederick faces up to five years in prison.

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## IOWA MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN TAX CASE

An Iowa man was sentenced to 18 months in prison for tax evasion.

According to court records, Scott Koritansky, 55, of Meridian, Iowa, earned income from 2004 through 2010 totaling more than \$500,000 but did not pay any taxes for those years.

The IRS notified, Koritansky that he owed tax for calendar years 2004 through 2010. Koritansky took numerous steps to conceal his income and evade his tax obligations.

In addition to his prison sentence, Koritansky was also ordered to pay \$356,676 in restitution to the IRS.



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