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REALITY STAR'S EX-HUSBAND OWES \$450K IN BACK TAXES TO IRS

The tax bill goes back to 2010, when he allegedly did not make 10 payments to Uncle Sam.

Former *Real Housewives of Atlanta* star Cynthia Bailey's ex-husband owes \$450,000 in taxes to the Internal Revenue Service.

to pay quarterly taxes from December 2008 through December 2009 and that he allegedly failed to make 10 payments totaling more than \$450,000.

According to court documents obtained by *Radar Online*, Peter Thomas owes the money related to his former business, Uptown Restaurant & Lounge, which closed down in 2010.

Bailey and Thomas had a tumultuous relationship, which *Real Housewives* viewers saw in season one of the show. More recently, Bailey sued Thomas alleging that he did not pay back a \$170,000 loan from her. In October 2021, she dropped the lawsuit.

A tax lien reports that Thomas failed

SHUTTERBUG SENTENCED FOR INCOME TAX EVASION

A former *National Geographic* photographer was sentenced to one year in federal prison for tax evasion.

ing's sentence includes \$192,529 restitution to the IRS for income taxes due and owing from 2002 through 2016. Fleming was

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Bruce Kevin Fleming, 67, of Milton, Delaware, a well-known photographer, pleaded guilty to a charge that he had not filed federal income tax returns or paid any such taxes since 1981. Flem-

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also ordered to pay restitution to the IRS for \$22,584 in payroll taxes which he withheld from his employees' wages in 2016 and 2017 but never turned over to the IRS.

Federal prosecutors alleged that Fleming lived beyond his means, with lavish spending at restaurants and bars.

MAN FACES UP TO FIVE YEARS

A Connecticut man pled guilty to tax evasion.

Robert Porzio, 48, of Westport, Connecticut, operates Bert's Tree Service. According to court records, Porzio deposited numerous customers' checks into personal bank accounts, transferred a significant portion of the funds into a personal investment account, and kept from the corporation's bookkeeper his receipt of the additional payments. These diverted payments were not reported either on his individual federal tax returns as additional salary or on the corporation's tax returns as additional receipts.

For the 2012 through 2016 tax years, Porzio failed to report a total of more than \$900,000 in additional income. The underreporting of Porzio's income tax liability and the company's payroll tax obligations resulted in a loss of \$331,388 to the IRS.

He faces up to five years in prison.

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BUSINESSMAN IN L.A. FASHION DISTRICT TRIED TO CONCEAL MILLIONS

He kept two sets of books and inflated his costs to avoid paying duties and taxes.

The owner of a garment wholesaling company in the Fashion District of downtown Los Angeles was sentenced to 12 months and one day in federal prison for scheming to undervalue imported garments and avoid paying millions of dollars in duties to the United States, failing to report millions of dollars in income on tax returns, and failing to report large cash transactions to the federal government.

Sang Bum "Ed" Noh, 67, of Bel-Air, California, owns Ambiance Apparel. Noh "made defrauding the United States a significant revenue stream for Ambiance," federal prosecutors said in court records. Noh appropriated more than \$35 million that should have gone in payments to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the IRS. Instead, Noh

used the money to buy luxury cars and squirreled away bundles of cash in shoe boxes.

Ambiance used two sets of books to record sales, one of which documented only cash transactions and was not reported to Ambiance's outside accountants. Noh also directed some of the second set of transactions to be underreported to the accountants. The lower sales figures were reported on 2011 and 2012 tax returns filed by Noh. Noh failed to report income for those two years and owed the IRS a total more than \$16.8 million, which includes unpaid taxes, penalties and interest.

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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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COUPLE GUILTY IN TAX CASE

They have agreed to pay \$605,000 in restitution.

A California couple pled guilty to tax-related offenses and they have agreed to pay more than \$605,000 in restitution.

Virendra "Vic" Maharaj, 55, of Foresthill, California, pleaded guilty to willfully failing to file tax return information related to his receipt of cash while engaged in trade or business. Maharaj's wife, Rosalin R. Prasad, pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to defraud the United States with respect to the IRS's assessment of income taxes.

According to court records, Prasad conspired with Maharaj to defraud the IRS in attempts to assess the couple's tax obligations for the years 2005, 2006, and 2007. Maharaj worked at car dealerships in Sacramento and Woodland in those years and earned substantial income. In an attempt to avoid paying taxes, Maharaj paid part of his wages directly to Prasad and directed some compensation directly to creditors through indirect payments.

They each face up to five years in prison as a result of the conviction.

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TAX PREPARER PLEADS GUILTY IN PROSECUTION

An Alabama tax preparer pled guilty to preparing false tax returns on behalf of himself and his clients, resulting in a tax loss of more than \$140,000.

Jamichael D. Whiteside, 37, of Gadsden, Alabama, pleaded guilty to one count of aiding or assisting in the preparation of a

false tax return and one count of making and subscribing a false tax return.

According to the plea agreement, between tax years 2016 and 2019, Whiteside prepared materially false tax returns for several clients and underreported his own income in tax years 2016 and 2017.



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