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BALTIMORE'S TOP PROSECUTOR CHARGED WITH PERJURY

Marilyn J. Mosby allegedly made a false hardship claim to withdraw retirement funds.

Baltimore's top prosecutor has been indicted by a federal grand jury on four charges, including perjury for claiming a COVID-19 hardship on applications to withdraw \$90,000 from her retirement account.

\$250,000. Federal prosecutors also allege that Mosby made false statements on mortgage applications, claiming she was not in default on any federal debt when she in fact was delinquent in paying taxes to the IRS.

A lawyer for Baltimore City's State Attorney Marilyn J. Mosby described the indictment as "bogus charges." At the time Mosby made the hardship applications, her annual salary was nearly

Mosby and her husband, Baltimore City Council President Nick J. Mosby, had a federal tax lien filed against them in 2020, alleging that they owed \$45,022 in back taxes.

BUSINESSMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN TAX CASE

The vice president of two Rhode Island businesses pleaded guilty to charges that he allegedly failed to turn over to the IRS more than \$1 million in federal payroll taxes, including Medicare and Social Security taxes withheld from employees' paychecks.

son was vice president of American Pride Insulation and Atlantic Abatement Construction, as well as a manager

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According to court records, Mark Carl-

of finances for the Leo Byrnes Trust. Carlson failed to collect, truthfully account for, and turn over payroll taxes from the three entities.

In total, Carlson is alleged to have failed to turn over more than \$1 million to the IRS. ■

UTAH MAN GETS 51 MONTHS

A Utah man was sentenced to 51 months in prison for tax evasion and corruptly endeavoring to obstruct the IRS.

According to court records, Louis Hansen, of Orem, Utah, gave the IRS a \$342,669.41 check he knew was drawn on a closed bank account, in a fraudulent effort to evade paying taxes, penalties and interest he owed for a number of years.

In June 2012, Hansen presented 10 additional checks to the IRS drawn on a different closed bank account in another attempt to fraudulently discharge his debt. The evidence showed that each of these 10 checks was made out in the amount of \$425,000, and Hansen sent them to at least six different IRS offices.

In addition to his prison sentence, Hansen was ordered to serve three years of supervised release and to pay approximately \$342,699 in restitution to the United States. ■

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JUDGE DESCRIBES MAN'S TAX EVASION CASE AS AMONG THE EGREGIOUS

He will spend 15 months in prison after evading the payment of at least \$1.1 million in taxes.

A Pennsylvania man convicted of tax evasion has been sentenced in federal court to 15 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and 300 hours of community service.

According to court records, Dean Britton, 57, of Edgeworth, Pennsylvania, evaded the payment of at least \$1.1 million of federal income tax due to the IRS for the calendar years 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2009 through 2013.

Britton evaded the payment of his taxes by, among other things, failing to file required income tax returns, placing personal bank accounts in nominee names, disguising personal earnings by depositing them into business accounts, and titling his personal residence in the name of a nominee to place it beyond

the reach of the IRS.

The judge hearing the case described it as one of the more egregious tax evasion cases that she had come before her during her tenure on the bench. She noted that Britton had substantial income during the subject years, most significantly more than \$1.9 million in 2007, from which he could have paid taxes.

Britton pleaded guilty to the charge and for that reason received a prison sentence below the guidelines. In addition to his prison sentence, Britton was ordered to pay nearly \$2 million in restitution to the IRS. ■

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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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TEXAN GETS 51 MONTHS

He was a member of a group that promoted tax evasion.

A Texas man was sentenced to 51 months in prison and ordered to pay \$345,136.68 in restitution to the IRS for tax evasion.

In September 2018, Robert Steven Powell, of San Antonio, Texas, 68, was found guilty of three counts of tax evasion. According to testimony at trial, Powell was a member of a tax scheme organization that promoted tax evasion. Although Powell earned wages as high as \$236,098 per year, he failed to pay income taxes from 2000 to 2013. Powell evaded payment of his federal taxes by submitting false W-4 forms to his employer and claiming he was exempt from federal income tax withholding. Powell also placed a house and recreational vehicle in other names and attempted to conceal his physical address from the IRS by obtaining identification documents from multiple states using false personal residence addresses.

“Millions of Americans faithfully pay their income taxes every year,” U.S. Attorney Ashley C. Hoff said in a prepared statement. “Those who dodge paying taxes disproportionately burden their fellow citizens and will face the consequences.”

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OWNER OF MEDICAL BILLING COMPANY DIDN'T PAY \$1 MIL

A Pennsylvania man was charged with failure to pay federal income and payroll taxes.

According to court records, Scott Lykens, 44, of State College, Pennsylvania, was the owner and operator of a medical billing company. The information alleges Lyken's

company withheld taxes from its employees' paychecks, including Medicare and Social Security taxes, but failed to pay over to the IRS the taxes collected.

In all, Lykens failed to pay more than \$1 million in withheld taxes between 2015 and 2019.



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