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GOV'T CONTRACTOR IS GUILTY OF TAX FRAUD

A government contractor in Iraq pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return as part of a tax fraud and kickback scheme.

According to court records, Darrin Albert Searle, 44, of Loudon, Tenn., worked as a government contractor in Iraq in 2007 and failed to disclose \$618,186 of income he received

through kickbacks. Searle is required to file amended returns and pay all relevant taxes, interest, and penalties.

"Stealing from the government is always unacceptable conduct for any citizen, but most especially those who enjoy positions of trust as a government employee or contrac-

tor," U.S. Attorney Edward L. Stanton said in a statement. "Yesterday's guilty plea underscores our office's commitment to aggressively pursue those who flagrantly disregard and fail to live up to the same federal tax obligations shared by all citizens."

OHIO EXEC DID NOT PAY EMPLOYEE TAXES TO IRS

The former director of the Cleveland Job Corps Center was charged with withholding more than \$872,000 in federal taxes from employees but never paying the money over to the IRS.

Clark V. Hayes, 53, of Richfield, Ohio, was the owner of Applied Technology Systems, Inc. or ATSI, in Cleveland. The U.S. De-

partment of Labor contracted with ATSI to operate the Cleveland and Jacksonville Job Corps Centers, according to the indictment.

Under the terms of the agreement, ATSI staffed and maintained the centers, subject to reimbursement by the Department of Labor for their costs based on a budget. The reimbursable costs in-

cluded the wages ATSI paid to the centers' employees, including amounts to be withheld and paid over to the IRS, according to the indictment. The Labor Department paid ATSI more than \$15.5 million from about July 1, 2010, through August 16, 2011, according to the indictment.

GOV'T: 2 LIVE CREW FRONTMAN OWES IRS \$74,000 IN BACK TAXES

Former 2 Live Crew frontman Luther Campbell is in trouble with the taxman. Campbell, 53, of Miami, and famous for challenging obscenity laws in the United States, was a hit with a \$74,000 tax lien, according to documents obtained

by celebrity news site TMZ. Known by the stage names Luke Skyywalker, Solo Luke, Uncle Luke or Luke, Campbell is a record label owner and rap performer. In 1990, Campbell became an icon for

First Amendment rights when he was prosecuted in South Florida on obscenity charges for performing the 2 Live Crew song "Me So Horny." A federal judge had declared the song obscene, a decision that was overturned

Luther Campbell, famous for challenging obscenity laws, now faces the IRS.

FORMER NFL PLAYER GUILTY OF FALSE RETURNS

A former NFL player faces up to nine years in prison after being convicted at trial of filing income tax returns that did not accurately reflect his income. Gregory P. Boyd, of

Austin, Texas, filed false income tax returns for 2004, 2005 and 2006. On each tax return, Boyd declared that he received zero income when in fact, he received roughly \$180,000 in 2004,

about \$390,000 in 2005, and approximately \$225,000 in 2006. Boyd owed income tax in the amount of \$26,688 for 2004, at least \$102,237 for 2005, and \$49,155 for 2006.

Boyd had not paid income taxes on any of the years 2004 through 2011. Boyd, who played in the NFL during the 1973 and 1974 seasons, worked in real estate development.

TENN. Woman Guilty of Tax Refund Conspiracy

A Tennessee woman pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the government with respect to claims and four counts of theft of public money. According to court

records, Melissa Ann Nowlin, 28, of Kingsport, Tenn., conspired with Devin Ray Horne, 24, of Kingsport, Tenn., to fraudulently obtain funds by filing false federal tax

returns using personal identifying information which Horne stole from others. Nowlin previously pleaded guilty in August 2013 to other charges involving her par-

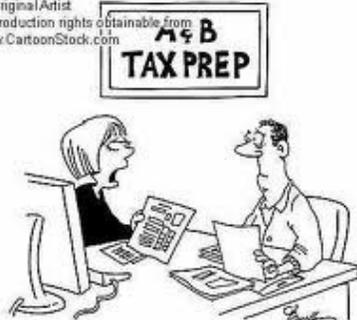
ticipation with Horne and numerous others in a conspiracy to distribute Oxycodone pills. She will be sentenced in June.

No one wants to deal with the IRS themselves! We were so scared and that's why we called your office. After hiring you we didn't have to deal with them anymore. Now that it has been taken care of we are back to our normal lives without the IRS breathing down our necks. My husband actually sleeps again at night! Thanks to your office.

Client TESTIMONIAL

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"Even if your dog does do 'His Business' in your basement, you still can't deduct it as office space."



Abby & Lily Weaver and Knox and Emma Watkins ...Thundering Up!



SWISS BANKER PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX CHARGES

A Swiss banker pleaded guilty to conspiring to defraud the IRS in connection with his work as a banking and investment adviser for U.S. customers. According to court records, Andreas Bachmann, 56, admitted that between 1994 and 2006, while working as a relationship manager in Switzerland for a subsidiary of an international bank, he engaged in a wide-ranging conspiracy to aid and assist U.S. customers in evading their income

taxes by concealing assets and income in secret Swiss bank accounts. As part of that conspiracy, Bachmann traveled to the United States twice each year to provide banking services and investment advice to his U.S. customers. As a matter of practice, prior to traveling to the United States, Bachmann notified his executive management, including the head of the subsidiary's private bank in Zurich and the chief executive

officer of the subsidiary, of the planned trip and its objectives. Although Bachmann had been informed of limitations under U.S. law on his ability to provide investment advice to U.S. account holders regarding U.S. securities, the highest-ranking executive at the subsidiary was aware that Bachmann was violating U.S. law. According to court records, Bachmann was effectively told by the chief executive officer for the sub-

subsidiary: "Mr. Bachmann, you know what we expect of you. Don't get caught."

DEADLINES

April 15-

Deadline to file individual tax returns

Our Staff Celebrity Look-a-like of the Month



Joseph Goldstein



Jean Reno

Joe has practice general and Family Law and became interested in Tax Law when he started doing personal and small business tax returns. Seeing the need to help people who were having problems with the IRS, he joined the Travis W. Watkins, P.C. Law Firm in 2013. Over the years, Joe has developed a passion for helping people in need and those dealing with life's problems. He has volunteered his time and gives financial support to the Oklahoma Food Bank and attends church at Faith Tabernacle.

Joe has two grown children and two grandchildren, with another on the way. He loves to fish, snow ski and hike. His biggest joy in life now is spending time with his grandchildren and seeing them grow before his eyes.

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Question:

What Oklahoma town was the only city in the United States to be bombed during World War II?

- A. Ada
- B. Boise City
- C. Chandler
- D. Durant

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