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MAN FACES THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR TAX-EVASION SCHEME

He made donations to Chabad of Poway that were then funneled back to him in cash.

A California man pleaded guilty to filing a false tax return as part of a years-long tax-evasion scheme involving a Jewish religious organization.

For eight years, Stuart Weinstock, of Escondido, California, made supposed “donations” to Chabad of Poway. Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein then funneled approximately 75 percent of those “donations” back to Weinstock, allowing Weinstock to evade more than \$100,000 in taxes.

Between 2010 and 2018, Weinstock provided Rabbi Goldstein with at least approximately \$872,815 in checks that fraudulently described the funds as “contributions,” “donations,” or “business expenses.” Rabbi Goldstein then secretly returned 75 percent of the money, or approximately \$654,611, to Weinstock.

Weinstock faces up to three years in prison.

CONTRACTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO TAX CHARGE

The owner of a roofing and remodeling company in Connecticut pleaded guilty to a federal tax offense.

Pavel Teply, 45, of Stamford, Connecticut, used a tax return preparer for the preparation of his personal income tax returns. Teply provided his preparer with a schedule that underreported the

gross receipts of his business, certain business expenses, and his income.

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As a result, Teply's tax returns for the 2013 through 2015 tax years, which Teply authorized his preparer to file with the IRS, underreported Teply's income, resulting in a tax loss of \$175,812.

Teply faces up to three years in federal prison.

ROOFER PLEADS GUILTY TO EVASION

The owner of a Colorado roofing business was sentenced to three months in prison, to be followed by six months of home confinement, after pleading guilty to tax evasion.

Ryan Wilkinson, 42, of Durango, Colorado, was also ordered to pay restitution of \$228,300.41 to the IRS.

From at least January 2015, through December 2017, Wilkinson did not file federal income tax returns despite being aware of his legal obligation to do so. During this time, Wilkinson hired a bookkeeper to assist with his company books. However, he refused to provide sufficient records and information for the bookkeeper to accurately record income and expenses. Additionally, Wilkinson had his company pay the rent on his personal residence and make payments for one of his personal investments. He falsely classified these as business expenses.

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CFO INDICTED FOR NOT PAYING OVER TAXES

He allegedly embezzled millions of dollars and attempted to cover up his fraud.

The former chief financial officer of a retail construction company was indicted on five additional tax charges stemming from his failure to collect, account for, and pay over hundreds of thousands in federal payroll taxes.

Jonathan Baker, 39, of Green Township, New Jersey, was originally charged with five counts of wire fraud and three counts of money laundering for orchestrating a scheme to defraud his former employer and several lenders, including by embezzling millions of dollars for his own personal benefit.

From 2015 through 2018, Baker allegedly defrauded his companies and several commercial lenders, embezzling millions of dollars and fraudulently inducing commercial lenders into providing funds to Baker and his associated entities through fraudulent use of the company's name, bank statements, balance sheet, and bank accounts.

Baker misappropriated millions of dollars from his companies' bank accounts and used the funds for his personal expenses, including mortgage payments on Baker's residence, the purchase of a BMW, and the purchase of six donkeys.

Baker concealed the fraud by making false statements to members of the companies after they confronted him with evidence of the fraud. He falsely claimed that a commercial lender had made a mistake in filing a lien against one of the companies and repeatedly misrepresented that the commercial lender would be issuing a retraction and apology. Baker then refused to meet or engaged with his colleagues and changed the locks and disabled the email and telephone system.

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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? The Installment Agreement may be the option.

The Installment Agreement allows taxpayers to pay their tax debt over time by making manageable payments. The Installment Agreement can put you back in control of your financial future.

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ALABAMA WOMAN GETS 46 MONTHS IN PRISON

Her actions resulted in a \$1.5 million tax loss.

An Alabama woman received 46 months in prison for aiding and assisting in the filing of false federal income tax returns.

Gladys Rosalynn McCauley, 43, of Lanett, Alabama, owned an income tax preparation business in Lanett called "Roz House of Tax" that she opened in 2014. McCauley's business collected fees as a percentage of the tax refunds she claimed for her customers.

In order to inflate those refunds, McCauley knowingly placed false items in her customers' income tax returns. For example, McCauley falsely claimed that customers were entitled to education tax credits and child tax credits. McCauley knew that they were not entitled to such credits.

In yet another example, she falsely claimed a client had more than \$34,000 in business losses.

McCauley's numerous false claims resulted in a tax loss to the IRS of more than \$1.5 million.

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CALIFORNIA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FALSE RETURNS

A California woman pleaded guilty to making and subscribing a false tax return.

Deborah Gwen Orrey, 51, of Anderson, California, was the owner and operator of Affordable Tax, Bankruptcy, and Bookkeeping. From 2014 to 2017, Orrey submitted falsified tax returns to the IRS for

her own tax returns and also the tax returns that she filed on her clients' behalf.

Orrey owed to the IRS an additional \$112,083. She split the refunds due to her clients without her clients' knowledge, causing a portion of the clients' refunds to be deposited to her own bank account.

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