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VIRGINIA POLITICIAN FACES \$224,000 IN FEDERAL TAX LIENS

The Republican nominee for the Virginia House previously filed bankruptcy for his business.

The Republican nominee for a seat in Virginia's House of Delegates owes the Internal Revenue Service \$224,000 in unpaid taxes.

The unpaid taxes, according to court documents obtained by the *Prince Williams Times*, were revealed in liens filed against Steve Pleickhardt, a dentist.

Pleickhardt's dental practice, American Dental Associates, filed for bankruptcy

in 2017 with debts estimated between \$100,001 and \$500,000. One tax lien, for \$71,000, was withdrawn following the bankruptcy.

But tax liens showing \$224,000 in unpaid taxes remained outstanding as of September.

Pleickhardt is campaigning for the Virginia House as a fiscal conservative who will cut taxes. ■

NAIL SALON OWNER GETS TWO YEARS IN PRISON

A Nebraska man was sentenced to two years in prison for filing false tax returns.

Thomas W. Hird, 67, of Kearney, Nebraska, was also ordered to pay \$83,063 in restitution after being found guilty at trial.

Hird owned and operated a nail salon business, Nails Unlimited, in Kearney, since 2009. From around February 2009, Hird *CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE*

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would skim the cash and check payments of the business by cashing a majority of all customer checks received at the business and by conducting currency exchanges in which he would exchange small bills for \$100 bills.

A jury found Hird filed false tax returns for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016. ■

MISSOURI MAN GETS 18 MONTHS IN TAX CASE

A Missouri businessman was sentenced to 18 months in prison and ordered to pay \$304,296 in restitution after being found guilty at trial of tax charges.

Ramsey Windsor, 39, of Charles, Missouri, was the owner of a St. Louis County company that produced mass mailers for its customers.

During the years 2013 and 2014, large sums of money, which were business receipts, were deposited into Windsor's personal bank account. These funds were payments from only one client.

All other business receipts from other company customers were deposited in Windsor's business account.

Many of the sales which were deposited into Windsor's personal account were not reported on his tax returns. ■

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SATELLITE INTERNET INSTALLER SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS FOR EVASION

He failed to pay more than \$600,000 in federal taxes while fraudulent receiving Medicaid benefits.

A Missouri man has been sentenced in federal court for failing to pay more than \$600,000 in federal taxes.

Jeffrey Scott Allen, 52, of Sparta, Missouri, was sentenced to two years in federal prison without parole. He was also ordered to pay \$758,517 in restitution.

Allen pleaded guilty to one count of tax evasion, admitting that he evaded and failed to pay \$606,338 in federal taxes and \$96,478 in state taxes from 2012 through 2017.

Allen, who operates his own business, has worked as an installer for satellite-based internet and television for the past 21 years.

According to court documents, he utilizes contract labor with five separate contractors, claims a gross annual profit

of \$2.1 million, and takes a \$6,000 draw each month from the business.

According to court documents, Allen substantially underreported net income from his business and paid most of his and his family's personal expenses from his business accounts. By underreporting his income, Allen was able to receive federal benefits to which he was not entitled.

Allen fraudulently received \$15,856 in Medicaid benefits for three of his children, \$4,392 in free and reduced school lunches for his children, and \$35,453 in federal student aid under the Pell Grant program. ■

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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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MONTANA MAN FACES UP TO FIVE YEARS

The construction company owner had payments made directly to him.

A Montana business owner admitted to tax evasion charges after an investigation determined he underreported his income for two years to avoid paying at least \$41,000 in taxes.

Brandon Robert Wilson, 37, of Bozeman, Montana, was the owner and operator of Shedhorn Construction.

According to court documents, Wilson was claiming personal expenses as business deductions on his taxes and was writing his name, rather than the company's name, on invoices so payments from clients would go directly to him. Investigators found that Wilson underreported his company's income in 2014 by \$152,248 and in 2015 by \$65,605.

Although he pleaded guilty, Wilson is contesting the loss amount claimed by the government. A hearing will be held prior to sentencing to determine the government's tax loss.

Wilson faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

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LAS VEGAS COUPLE CHARGED WITH CONCEALING INCOME

A Las Vegas couple have been charged with conspiring to defraud the IRS, tax evasion, filing a false tax return, assisting in the filing of false tax returns, and failing to file tax returns and pay federal income taxes.

According to court records, Scott H. Lawrence, a real estate professional, and Debra R. Lawrence, the owner of an

interior design business, conspired to conceal their income and true financial condition from the IRS and to obstruct the IRS's efforts to collect their unpaid tax liabilities.

If convicted, they face up to five years in prison.

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