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## INVESTIGATING TAX CASE, FEDS SEARCH BALTIMORE CITY HALL

*The FBI, IRS are investigating Baltimore's City Council President and State's Attorney*

Surveillance video uncovered by the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper shows that federal agents, including from the FBI and IRS, searched Baltimore City Hall as part of a federal investigation of Baltimore City Council President Nick Mosby and his wife, Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby.

At least six grand jury subpoenas have been issued as part of the investigations. The subpoenas seek a range of finan-

cial records, including tax returns, bank statements, credit card statements, loan documents and canceled checks.

A lawyer for Nick and Marilyn Mosby called the investigation "a political witch hunt."

"My clients are progressive change agents, making them unfair targets of unnecessary scrutiny by federal investigators," said A. Scott Bolden.

## TAX FUGITIVE SENTENCED TO 46 MONTHS IN PRISON

A tax fugitive in Arizona was sentenced to 46 months in prison.

After being found guilty by a jury of tax evasion and failure to file tax returns in December 2019, Kevin Scott Wynn, 59, of Scottsdale, Arizona, withdrew \$1.5 million in cash from his business bank account in 13 separate transactions in

the first several months of 2020 and then cut his ankle monitor and fled Arizona before a scheduled sentencing hearing.

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He was apprehended by Mexican law enforcement authorities in Mexico City in August 2020 and extradited to the United States. Upon release from prison, Wynn will be placed on supervised release for three years. As a condition of supervision, he will be required to pay more than \$700,000 in back taxes as restitution to the IRS.

## LOGGING INDUSTRY WORKER DID NOT REPORT ALL INCOME

An Illinois man was indicted for underreporting his income on federal and state tax returns for tax years 2014 to 2018.

According to court records, Kenin Edwards, of Pekin, Illinois, worked as a contractor for logging businesses and was paid a commission for the deals he negotiated between landowners and third-party timber purchasers. In late 2017, Edwards formed a partnership known as Edwards & Sons Log Purveyors.

From as early as April 2015 and continuing to at least the end of May 2019, Edwards allegedly underreported the income he made in the logging business to reduce his tax liabilities. According to the indictment, Edwards underreported his personal and business income on returns he filed with the IRS and with the Illinois Department of Revenue.

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## MAN FACES UP TO FIVE YEARS AFTER EVADING IRS COLLECTION EFFORTS

*To avoid his tax obligations, he cashed about \$1.5 million in payments using check-cashing services.*

A Connecticut man faces up to five years in prison after pleading guilty to tax charges.

According to court records, Michael C. Monroe, 48, of Norwalk, Connecticut, operates a business known as Monroe Construction. From 2008 through 2013, Monroe owed substantial unpaid income taxes and penalties to the IRS.

In 2014, the IRS levied the business bank account used by Monroe as the operating account for his construction company.

Monroe subsequently closed his business bank account and, between approximately November 2014 and November 2017, evaded payment to the IRS of his preexisting tax obligations by using a check-cashing service to cash approxi-

mately \$1.5 million in customer checks paid to his business.

For the 2014 and 2015 tax years, Monroe failed to report to the IRS a total of more than \$700,000 that his business generated in gross revenues.

In addition to evading payment to the IRS of more than \$107,000, he understated the federal income taxes he owed in 2014 and 2015 by approximately \$34,000.

Monroe has agreed to pay total back taxes of \$141,041.17, plus interest and penalties. The case was investigated by the IRS's Criminal Investigation Division.

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## **JUSTICE DEPT CHARGES TAX PREP WITH 37 COUNTS**

*He faces up to three years in prison.*

A federal grand jury indicted the owner of an Alabama tax preparation service on tax charges.

A 37-count indictment charges Ametra Q. Wooden, 33, of Birmingham, Alabama, with 35 counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false and fraudulent tax returns and two counts of willfully failing to file personal income tax returns.

According to court records, Wooden owned and operated A Plus Tax Experts & Financial Services. Wooden allegedly aided and assisted in the preparation of 35 fraudulent tax returns on behalf of clients for the tax years 2014 through 2017. In 2014 and 2016, Wooden allegedly failed to file personal income tax returns.

If convicted, Wooden faces up to three years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 for each count of preparing false returns. Additionally, if convicted, she faces up to one year in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000 for each count of failing to file a tax return.

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## CONSULTANT CHARGED WITH UNDERREPORTING INCOME

A Chicago consultant was indicted on tax offenses for allegedly underreporting and failing to file federal income taxes.

According to court records, Annazette Collins, 58, of Chicago, willfully filed a false individual tax return for the calendar years 2014 and 2015, and willfully failed to file

an individual income tax return for the calendar year 2016. The federal indictment also accuses Collins of willfully failing to file a corporate income tax return for the calendar years 2015 and 2016.

If convicted, she faces up to three years in prison.



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