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ACCOUNTING FOR A TAX EVADER

Accountant Uses Skills to Avoid \$150K in NYS Taxes



Joseph Junkovic

(Bronx, NY – Monday, November 17, 2014) -- He was supposed to help poor cancer patients. Instead, this Bronx accountant helped himself to money – and failed to pay taxes, to boot.

Now, Bronx County District Attorney Robert Johnson announces that an accountant and financial services adviser, JOSEPH JUNKOVIC, will be counting one-to-three years behind bars in State prison for evading nearly \$150,000 in personal income taxes owed to New York State, following his plea today of guilty to the following charges:

Criminal Tax Fraud in the 3rd Degree (2 counts)

Criminal Tax Fraud in the 2nd Degree (1 count)

Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree (2 Counts)

Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree (2 Counts)

Last month, JUNKOVIC was sentenced in Federal court to a year in jail for skimming more than a third-of-a-million dollars in government funds from the state and the feds relating to his Cancer Service Network. His sentencing in Bronx Supreme Court will take place on January 14, 2015. His State and Federal sentences will run concurrently.



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JUNKOVIC has also been ordered to pay restitution to the New York State Tax Department in the amount of \$419,695, representing the amount owed plus interest and penalties.

The 48-year-old JUNKOVIC operated the not-for-profit Cancer Service Network (CSN) and the for-profit JLJ Consulting, a financial services business. CSN was contracted by the New York State Department of Health to provide referrals for cancer screening services for indigent patients. But, during a bank audit of JUNKOVIC's accounts, it came to light that while the defendant made sure that CSN paid JLJ, and thus himself personally, hundreds of thousands of dollars for alleged financial services, JUNKOVIC failed to report that income on his taxes or, in some years, simply failed to file any tax return at all. The charges covered tax years 2008 through 2011.

District Attorney Johnson praised the investigative work of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, as well as the NYS Office of the Comptroller for their work on the case. The case against JOHN JUNKOVIC was prosecuted by Assistant D.A. W. Dyer Halpern of the Bronx D.A. Arson/Auto/Economic Crime Bureau and held before Supreme Court Justice Denis Boyle.