

My IRS History – Intimidation and Deceit

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Ever since 1967 my life has been adversely affected by IRS, and now in 2014 it has reached the point where it is getting impossible to live. Both my wife and me are suffering depression and worsening physical life threatening problems. I strongly feel that one or both of us will not be here at this time next year unless a miracle happens. IRS has attacked me for no reason, has lied to me on almost every occasion that I found it necessary to deal with them, has misrepresented themselves as an "Ombudsman", and overrode the one person that dealt with me honestly, Robin Bradbury, San Jose TAS.

1. 1967 1969 IRS Problems

*This section details the unwarranted and fallacious attack on me by IRS in the late 60s. Only after gaining help from Congressman Don Edwards did I get relief, but the stress of having to go to the office week after week, and the personal threat made by the then SanJoseIRS director caused my work to suffer. **A short time, I lost my home and had to drop out of college.** My spirit was broken; my "American Dream" gone forever. I have never regained the confidence and enthusiasm that I had for the future. This left me not trusting my government, and not believing in justice. This feeling has continued to increase. To this day, whenever I hear "IRS" I panic, and my thoughts are filled with fear and insecurity. **Based upon widely accepted data, the loss of my education cost me \$250000 in lifetime wages.***

2. 1997 or 1998 Tax Lien

*This section details the deception of IRS regarding an unwarranted tax lien imposed upon my ex-wife's home in Florida. I was unsuccessful in dealing with it, but in 2000 I heard Katie Couric, on the Today show, speak about an IRS Ombudsman. I contacted the Jacksonville FL "Ombudsman" and received no help - **it was a deception. At the end of the conversation, I found that the "Ombudsman" was the same Jacksonville, FL IRS agent that had continuously refused to listen to me regarding the lien, posing as the so called "Ombudsman".***

3. 2005 JK Harris

*This section details my dealings JK Harris. In 2005 I paid JK Harris over \$5000 to handle my tax problems - specifically 2002 and 2008 tax years. They accomplished nothing, and my \$5000 was gone forever. This was money that could have gone towards my tax debt. **On March 11, 2012, company founder John K. Harris was arrested for contempt of court for failure to obey a court order in a separate case that pre-dates the bankruptcy. It is sadly apparent that all of us that this company stole from will never get our money back!***

Companies like JK Harris are spawned and exist only because IRS treats innocent people so unreasonably and dishonestly that it seems impossible, hopeless, or frightening to attempt to deal with them!

4. 2010 Letter to IRS

*This section details the results of a letter that I wrote to IRS after finding JK Harris a fraud. The letter ultimately got me to visit the Taxpayer Advocate in San Jose, CA – Robin Bradbury. The result was a payment plan that I would have been able to handle. But shortly after she submitted it, it was turned down by "somebody with a spreadsheet". **The monthly payment that I was then presented with was way far beyond what I could pay without becoming homeless; \$4000/month! As I recall, our total income at the time was just several hundred dollars/month more than that, giving us virtually nothing to live on!** During the same time period, my wife's Request for Innocent Spouse Relief was turned down partially due to IRS likely using the same algorithm as used above to determine our financial situation.*

5. 2014 Again, again

This section details how being forced to deal with this again threatens our lives. I strongly feel that one or both of us will not be here at this time next year unless a miracle happens.

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1. 1967 1969 IRS Problems

In the late 60s, I was called to IRS office in San Jose, CA regarding my 1967 Tax Return. I had no idea what the problem was, except that they said I owed on that return and they wanted me to sign papers that I was in agreement. Later, I found that I was in "collection". I was adamant that I owned nothing, and had received a refund for that year, but they would not listen. They called my work several times/week to get me to go to the San Jose office. The scenario was always the same - one agent would threaten me, then another "friendly" agent would profess to be on my side; this agent would promise to help if I would just sign papers. At the time, I was working 50-60 hours per week, while taking a full college load and maintaining a 3.84 GPA. These tactics overwhelmed me, and after many days of this harassment, and the lack of sleep that resulted, I came close to an nervous breakdown. I was unable to continue my education and was ready to sign papers that involved the home that I had recently purchased. Just in time, my wife sought help from Congressman Don Edwards. He was able to get them to stop just before I was about to sign said papers, and requested an audit. The audit proved that nothing was wrong, but I still had not recovered monies that were withheld from my current return to pay this bogus 1967 penalty. The auditor apologized for the "Nazi" tactics that collection imposed upon me! The then San Jose director called and threatened me for ongoing trouble if I requested that the Congressman help me get my money refunded. I did anyway, and got some of it back. ***I have continued to have IRS problems ever since – coincidence?***

The Effect on My Life

In addition to dropping out of college because of stress, my work was adversely affected. ***In a short time, I lost my home.*** My spirit was broken, and, my "American Dream" gone forever. I have never regained the confidence and enthusiasm that I had for the future. This left me not trusting my government, and not believing in justice. This feeling has increased - ***More and more, it seems true that only the rich, the powerful, or those that commit a heinous crime receive justice!*** Whenever I hear "IRS" I panic, and my thoughts are filled with fear and insecurity.

2. 1997 or 1998 Tax Lien

The IRS imposed a lien on my ex-wife's home in Florida for money owed on my 1987 taxes; the year of my large financial loss. I attempted many, many times to correct this error, but made no headway. I asked the Jacksonville IRS office to contact Larry Rackely, but they refused.

Of note, as I was dealing with Larry, my tax preparer in San Jose, was late on the 1987 Return. I hassled him about it, and found shortly thereafter that he had sent an unfinished return to Larry. I let him go, finished the 1987 return myself and sent it to Larry as quickly as I could. I fear that somehow IRS recovered the wrong 1987 return - the unfinished one and that is why they thought I owed money.

I felt strongly that Larry Rackely could clear this misunderstanding.

In addition, I suggested that my 1987 tax return from the state of CA could be pulled. The information there should reflect the losses that I endured during that tax year.

I have no idea whether or not this wrong 1987 tax return affected my 1988-1996 returns: did the losses during 1987 get lost and were never credited forward as Larry Rackely stated?

For several months in early 2000 I returned to work. In 2000, I attempted once again to settle the lien. I heard Katie Couric, on the Today show, speak about an IRS Ombudsman. I contacted the Jacksonville "Ombudsman" and received no help - ***it was a deception. At the end of the conversation, I found that the "Ombudsman" was the same lady (initials KH, Jacksonville, FL IRS) that had continuously refused to listen to me regarding the lien, related to my 1987 tax. She was posing as the so called "Ombudsman".*** I asked her to find Larry Rackely from the Fresno office and to ask him to contact me. Later she told me that he did not know me.

I asked if she told him that my wife and I were living in Soquel, CA at the time Larry was dealing with us. *She did not answer the question and hung up!*

That imposter Ombudsman further destroyed all my confidence in finding an honest person within the IRS that would deal honestly to straighten out my tax problems. All that I received was deception and lies!

3. 2005 JK Harris

For many years I have attempted to clear up my tax problems. In 2005 I paid JK Harris over \$5000 to handle them, specifically 2002 and 2008 tax years. They accomplished nothing – each year a new person was assigned to my account. The new person would send me a letter stating that JK Harris had not received necessary documents from me and would do no work until they did. Each year, I sent the same papers again, until 2009 when I gave up on them. At that point, I engaged Marvin Benson, an attorney in Vancouver WA, to do my 2002 taxes. He completed the return, but I was unable to pay him for some time later.

On March 11, 2012, company founder John K. Harris was arrested for contempt of court for failure to obey a court order in a separate case that pre-dates the bankruptcy. The court order required him to attend a hearing and disclose his income and assets. His attorney, Jack Sinclair, stated that Harris had been aware of the order but had been busy with the bankruptcy matter. Sinclair stated: "He [Harris] told the judge he saw the paperwork, but he figured he was in bankruptcy and just didn't do anything about it". On March 12, 2012, the bankruptcy trustee filed a motion in the Bankruptcy Court asserting that it was "extremely difficult or impossible to trace the assets and cash flow of these Debtors" because John K. Harris had been uncooperative. The motion asks the Bankruptcy Court to force Harris to cooperate.[12] The bankruptcy trustee is seeking a nearly \$4.8 million judgment against Harris, alleging that he improperly took at least that much out of JK Harris and related companies while they were insolvent, from 2004 until they shut down.

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I wrote another letter which, with the stack of documents enclosed with it, was lost when my computer crashed shortly after sending it. *Basically, I stated that the stack of paper work that I enclosed (my last copy of what I had submitted to the Taxpayer Advocate) was the last time that I would ever send such. I had reached my limit, after attempting to work with IRS over a period of many years.* I recall pointing out that the cost of living in Silicon Valley CA was higher than Alaska, and that we were trapped here due to my wife's health insurance which was needed to cover treating her brain tumor. I asked for reasonableness based upon the facts of our financial and health conditions. *The stress of dealing with the IRS over a period of years, coupled with the attack on me by BAE Systems and my son stealing my home and retirement money almost ended my life. My doctor caught an abnormality in my EKG and sent me to a cardiologist. I immediately went to hospital and had two stents inserted. 90 days I had a second heart surgery - in another main artery, a third stent was inserted. My arteries were almost closed due to stress. Prior to that, I was aware that the stress had reduced my kidney function to 30%, but very surprised that I had heart problems; I was completely unaware!*

The letter mentioned above, resulted in an agreement to pay \$300.00/month, but unlike the agreement that the Taxpayer Advocate suggested, it included penalties and interest such that it would never be able to be absolved during our life time. In addition, they posted extensive liens on us making it impossible to get any emergency loans, causing our credit score to be forever low. We currently owe in excess of \$25000 – making all payments on time appears not to matter to them. The fact that Almira could be making good money as a nurse (she was head nurse at a large clinic in Russia, managing over 100 other employees) if she could afford courses doesn't seem to matter as well. The fact that I have skills that I could make money with *if* I could afford to advertise, and am an accomplished photographer (but need a new camera) does not matter either. Giving us the room to make more money and thus pay more taxes matters less than squeezing us to death. *In my opinion the IRS is broken and deeply flawed, similar to the Veterans' Administration!*

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In my 2010 letter to IRS I stated:

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I did so, as the related stress had almost taken my life – kidney function 30% - two heart surgeries!

But here we are again, again.....

In early August our financial hardship grew much worse. I contacted TAS for help, and almost immediately began to have very negative reactions. These worsened when I received notice that my \$300/month agreement had been terminated. I am much stressed. I have been unable to sleep for more than 5 hours a night. My feet are swelling for the first time in 5 months. This indicates that my kidney function is decreasing. I am very fearful of this! Last week, I fell and hurt my back and now have a new Medical bill of \$15.00/month. I have never fallen before!

My immobilizing depression is back, and getting worse. On August 12, we received a notice that we owe \$2291 on our 2012 taxes – payable immediately! We both feel hopeless! For me, it is a struggle just to want to get up in the morning. My thinking is muddled. I don't want to interact with anyone in any way.

My wife now has an almost constant severe headache, which taking 5 Aleve does not affect. Taking Aleve will aggravate her stomach problem so she cannot keep taking it. She must get relief for the stress, or her life will be in danger as much as is mine! [Why is her tax ID on all tax correspondence instead of mine? It bothers her very much!](#)

On August 25, I visited my kidney Doctor. She said that my kidney function had improved. We discussed how much my fast walking 4 miles almost every day contributed to this improvement. But when she took my blood pressure for a second time, and found it high, she expressed concern. She warned me that I could backtrack in a hurry if I did not get my stress under control or did not keep up with my exercise regime. It is very difficult to do the latter due to my immobilizing depression. And that is caused by having to once again deal with IRS.

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