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Junkovic (Department of Correction)

TAXING TIME FOR AN ACCOUNTANT

Joseph Junkovic Sentenced to State, Fed Time for Tax Evasion

(Bronx, NY – March 30, 2015) -- He was supposed to help poor cancer patients. Instead, this Bronx accountant helped himself to money – and failed to pay taxes, to boot. Bronx County District Attorney Robert Johnson today announced that, for those misdeeds, JOSEPH JUNKOVIC has been sentenced to one-to-three years in prison.

JUNKOVIC, a former accountant and financial services adviser, evaded nearly \$150,000 in personal income taxes owed to New York State. Last year, JUNKOVIC pled guilty to:

- Criminal Tax Fraud in the 2nd Degree (1 count)**
- Criminal Tax Fraud in the 3rd Degree (2 counts)**
- Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree (2 Counts)**
- Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the 1st Degree (2 Counts)**

JOSEPH JUNKOVIC was also ordered by Supreme Court Justice Denis Boyle 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 JJJ 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 JJJ, and thus himself personally, hundreds of thousands of dollars for alleged financial services, he 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.



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In October, 2014, 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 State and Federal sentences will run concurrently. JUNKOVIC also waived his right to appeal.

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 JOSEPH JUNKOVIC was prosecuted by Assistant D.A. W. Dyer Halpern of the Bronx D.A. Arson/Auto/Economic Crime Bureau.

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