



# SoCal Tax Solvers



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## Client Testimonial

*“They straightened out my tax problems so that I never have to worry about the IRS knocking on my door. They were able to save me over \$35,000 in back taxes owed. I can move forward with my life without having a huge tax burden on my back.”*

## **WE SOLVE .....**

- ✓ *Unfiled Tax Returns*
- ✓ *Offer in Compromise*
- ✓ *Release of Levy/Lien*
- ✓ *Appeals Mediation*
- ✓ *Installment Agreement*
- ✓ *Collections*
- ✓ *Innocent Spouse Claim*
- ✓ *Penalty Abatement*
- ✓ *Audit Representation*

## **WE PROMISE .....**

- *To really listen to you and your tax problems*
- *To clearly explain, after our analysis, what your options are*
- *To respond to you in a timely manner throughout your case*
- *To communicate our fees before you hire us so there are no surprises*
- *To assist you to stay in compliance with the tax laws once your case is resolved*

## **Tax Preparer in Vegas gambled that he wouldn't get caught and lost!**

A Nevada man pleaded guilty yesterday to aggravated identity theft, wire fraud and money laundering. On March 28, he pleaded guilty to a separate indictment charging him with filing false tax returns with the IRS on behalf of clients, aggravated identity theft, wire fraud and impersonating an FBI agent. According to court documents, King Isaac Umoren, 41, of Las Vegas, owned and operated Universal Tax Services (UTS), a tax preparation business. From 2012 through 2016, Umoren prepared and filed with the IRS tax returns for clients that included false deductions and fictitious businesses, in an effort to generate larger refunds than the clients were entitled to receive. At times, Umoren used the names and IRS preparer tax identification numbers of other UTS employees without their knowledge or consent, making it seem as if they, not he, had prepared the false returns. On Feb. 7, 2016, Umoren posed as an FBI agent, wearing a fake badge and tactical gear, and drove to a client's house with police lights attached to his vehicle to demand payment of a tax preparation fee. Umoren required his clients to use a refund anticipation check program, which he utilized at times to secretly take fees out of clients' tax refunds without their knowledge. In May 2016, Umoren attempted to sell UTS. To induce potential buyers to purchase the company at an inflated price, he provided fraudulent documents — including forged bank statements, fabricated return preparation fee reports, false personal tax returns and other tax forms that had never actually been filed with the IRS — as well as the stolen tax and personal identifying information of approximately 12,000 taxpayers who were not UTS clients. Eventually, Umoren succeeded in inducing a victim to purchase UTS and received more than \$3.8 million in the sale. Umoren used the sale proceeds to purchase land in Henderson, Nevada, and an automobile. Umoren is scheduled to be sentenced on all charges on Nov. 2. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison on each count of helping file a false tax return for others, three years in prison for impersonating a federal agent, 10 years in prison for each money laundering count, 20 years in prison on each of the wire fraud counts, and a mandatory minimum sentence of at least two years in prison based on the aggravated identity theft counts.

## **Companies who promise to eliminate tax debt sometimes leave taxpayers high and dry** IRS Tax Tip 2022-103, July 7, 2022 *(From IRS website)*

As the old saying goes: When something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Taxpayers with outstanding tax bills might be tempted by businesses who advertise and offer to help them reduce their tax debt. These businesses, often called Offer in Compromise mills, make huge claims about reducing unpaid taxes for pennies on the dollar. Unfortunately, these companies sometimes don't deliver and charge large fees.

*At SoCal Tax Solvers, our promise to analyze your tax problem thoroughly and offer you the solutions that can resolve your problem. We promise to use all our knowledge and experience to help you. We state our fees up front without hidden charges and promise to work diligently on your tax problem until it is resolved.*