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CONFRONTING THE IRS

THE IRS AMBUSH

Most people are surprised when the IRS comes knocking at their door. Typically, the Revenue Officer starts asking questions and demands to enter the house. That is where the taxpayer makes crucial errors. ***The most important thing that the taxpayer can do is to stop the Revenue officer and state that the taxpayer is represented by a tax professional.*** The IRS must honor your request to deal with your tax lawyer. Get a business card or write down the name, address, and telephone number of the Revenue officer. Do not say anything other than, " my tax consultant will call you."

SAY NOTHING

The Revenue Officer is trained to trick taxpayers into making damaging admissions which could hurt them in a later civil or criminal trial. For example, one ***trick question*** is to ask a delinquent taxpayer, " didn't you know that you had to file a return. " Or, " *why didn't you file your tax return.* " *If the taxpayer answers the question it is an admission of knowledge* that the return should be filed. That admission has sent many unsuspecting citizens to jail.

WARN YOUR FAMILY

Another method that Revenue Officers use is to quickly get ***information from an unsuspecting spouse or family member.*** For example, the Revenue

Officer may ask a spouse where the taxpayer works. The Revenue officer would then immediately prepare a *wage execution* to take most of the taxpayer's income before it is paid by the employer. The Revenue Officer may also ask for banking information. If the unsuspecting spouse or family member reveals the name of the bank, the Revenue officer then ***levies*** against the account wiping out all the funds.

YOU NEED A TAX LAWYER

The only intelligent way of handling the IRS is to not say anything. Any conversations with the government should be with your attorney present. In fact, many times it is better to have your ***tax attorney exclusively talk with the IRS*** to prevent possibly damaging admissions.

CHECKLIST FOR FIGHTING THE IRS

- Stop the IRS from Entering
- Get a Business Card/ Name and Tel. No.
- Tell the IRS you are Represented
- Warn your Family
- Say Nothing!!!!**