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Tax Evasion and more...

.... see what happened this past week in the Eastern District of Louisiana

CASE SPOTLIGHT

United States v. Clayborne-Williams
26-cr-129

What's the Basis? According to the factual basis, ***Clayborne-Williams***, **submitted eight false Paycheck Protection Program applications and four false Economic Injury Disaster Loan applications on behalf of four entities**. The applications sought approximately $1.33 million, using false information about employees, payroll, and revenue, along with fraudulent supporting documents.

***Clayborne-Williams* received $447,305.98 and used the funds for personal and unauthorized expenses**. She later obtained forgiveness of all eight PPP loans through additional false certifications and defaulted on the EIDL loans.

Separately, ***Clayborne-Williams*** owed overdue taxes reported on her own income tax returns. During the collection phase, she submitted documents that omitted bank accounts, available credit, and other business information. This led the IRS to incorrectly determine that her debt was "Currently Not Collectable." Her false statements resulted in a agreed upon tax loss of $360,466.24.

What's the Violation? Clayborne-Williams pled guilty to ***Wire Fraud and Tax Evasion***, in violation of ***18 U.S.C. § 1343*** and ***26 U.S.C. § 7201***.

What's the Punishment? The Honorable Jay C. Zainey sentenced ***Clayborne-Williams*** to **5 years of probation**, **including 12 months of home detention**, **and 150 hours of community service**. The court ordered **$807,772.22 in restitution**, consisting of $447,305.98 to the SBA and $360,466.24 to the IRS.

This Week's Other Matters

U.S. v. Sorden, 26-cr-043

Charge: Distribution of 28 Grams or More of a Mixture and Substance Containing Cocaine Base
(21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B))
Sentence: 90 months of imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release.
Judge: Honorable Barry W. Ashe

WHAT'S THAT STATUTE?

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- 18 U.S.C. § 1343
- 21 U.S.C. § 841
- 26 U.S.C. § 7201



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