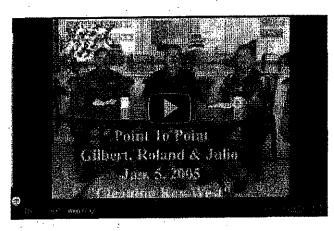
The IRS Vs Gilbert Suarez

CNN News about the Scam



Our view of (Gilbert Suarez) alleged meter man (2005) and Indicted in the IRS Monroe County Jail scam in Key West and Miami courts.

A man who generated a lot of revenue for the City of Key West during the 10 years he worked for them.

A man acquitted in the IRS scam on all 4 charges on December 17 th 2010.

He spent over a year in the Monroe County Detention Center.

On April 6 th 2011 he was found to be in violation of his probation and sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison.

He is now serving his sentence in Northern Florida.

CHEL Here For the Verdict

Proof's in the pudding.
If there was money or if there had been money wi would have had a lawyer that everyone said we no They said we had little chance going up against th and big money. Aurora Fagan is a tough lady.

Are you the type of person that believes only what Hearsay has taken on a entirely different meaning Polks let me tell you something.

If you don't see it with your own eyes or hear it w involves something as serious as this is, if you repe

We did not gain from it, enjoy it as all the mistake

We did not gain from it, only it as an use distance on saying we did.

They keep insisting Gilbert stole enough quariers seven mile bridge, that is a lot of money. They keep from city coffers in this instance alone without an year period, what's that any about city accounting

Gilbert had less then a few months to go on his pr He fullfilled all that was asked of him. He would not knowingly risk his probation for an

Why is there the vindictiveness in this Bubba wor

Where IS the money?

Why wasn't it able to be proven from the City's to was actually missing from the parking meters.

Gilbert saved the City of Key West when he was s liked and respected.

Disgrunted employees that he had fired wanted to

The intensive investigation found no proof.

Why,I ask again because there may have been qu: It is a fact they were wheeled into various banking They could not prove they came from the parking

Sometime you may have to admit that possibly yo

The politics of this City leave much to be desired.

It is not any different then corruption in the large nation. It's just small town here and politics dema They do not want to admit defeat at any cost.

But, railranding someone to there liking is not who suppose to be about.

Not guilty until proven innocent is what the judici was not proven guilty in the city meter drams nor County Detention Center IRS scam.

Perhaps looking into why all of this was allowed a were employed at the time at the Mouroe County goswer more of all our questions

Only 8 Indicted out of hundreds. Only a few charg A few plea deals and one person's promise to cool

government. Sentences of six months, a few years of probation :

These are facts. Not hearsay.

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Gilbert Suarez among 4 indicted in IRS jail scam

Friday, March 5, 2010

Former Key West Public Works Superintendent Gilbert Suarez and three members of his family were indicted by a federal grand jury Friday alleging they filed fraudulent tax returns on behalf of inmates in the Monroe County jail on Stock Island.

Suarez pleaded guilty to cocaine, marijuana and grand theft charges in 2006 after stealing thousands of dollars in quarters from parking meters while employed by the city. He is on probation stemming from that conviction.

Federal prosecutors now allege his brother, Danilo Suarez, spearheaded an IRS tax fraud scheme while in the Stock Island jail while Gilbert Suarez and another brother and sister helped in the fraud from outside the jail.

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Jury: Suarez is not guilty

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A federal jury in Miami on Friday acquitted a former Key West Public Works superintendent accused of conspiring and defrauding the IRS of thousands of dollars as part of a scam run by county jail inmates.

Gilbert Suarez was found not guilty of one count of conspiracy and three counts of tax fraud after the jury deliberated for two hours, said his attorney, Ed O'Donnell.

Suarez, the last of eight defendants in the case, was unaware that his brother, Danilo Suarez, was participating in a large scheme while incarcerated at the Monroe County Detention Center on Stock Island and played no active role in the fraud, O'Donnell said.

"Gilbert had no idea that the few checks he got from his brother were fraudulent," O'Donnell said. "He didn't deny receiving those checks or cashing them for his brother. We didn't argue that. Gilbert was duped by his brother and had Gilbert known that the checks were fraudulent, he never would have cashed them."

Prosecutors said Danilo Suarez recruited his family into the scheme. He pleaded guilty in September to conspiracy to file false, fictitious and fraudulent claims and is scheduled to be sentenced on Wednesday. He faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

"The government lined up a mass of evidence about this scheme, but the bottom line is that Gilbert didn't know anything about that," O'Donnell said. "Gilbert never signed anything. He didn't know any of these other people in jail taking part in the scheme. Gilbert got scammed."

Gilbert Suarez previously was sentenced to five years' probation in 2006 after being convicted on charges of grand theft and possession of cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He stole thousands of dollars in coins from city parking meters while serving as Public Works superintendent.

He will remain in jail pending a probation violation hearing stemming from that case when he was arrested on the IRS matter, said Monroe County Assistant State Attorney Mark Wilson.

That hearing has yet to be scheduled, Wilson said. Even though Gilbert Suarez was acquitted, he still violated the terms of his probation by being arrested, Wilson said.

Circuit Judge Mark Jones will decide if Gilbert Suarez should be jailed as a result of his arrest in the IRS case after the hearing, Wilson said.

Suarez's sister and niece pleaded guilty in federal court in September to conspiracy to defraud the IRS.

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Belkis Mendez and Sandra Suarez, respectively, were sentenced to six months in prison and three years of supervised release as part of plea agreements with prosecutors in November.

A second ringleader, Shawn Patrick Clarke, in May also pleaded guilty to conspiracy. Prosecutors dropped 24 counts of filing false statements in exchange for his plea. Clarke was sentenced in September to four years and three months in prison and ordered to pay \$40,345 in restitution.

Three of his family members also made plea deals with prosecutors and avoided jail in exchange for probation.

Clarke's mother, 63-year-old Sally Frost; his brother, William Clarke, both of Delray Beach; and his sister, Deanna Heder of Fort Myers, each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy.

Former Monroe County Sheriff Rick Roth complained to federal investigators for years that inmates were cheating taxpayers out of thousands via falsified income reports, he said.

Current Sheriff Bob Peryam continued to sound the alarm until IRS investigators made arrests in March.

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