

BEFORE THE TAX COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the Protest of)	
)	DOCKET NO. 23617
[Redacted],)	
)	
Petitioner.)	DECISION
_____)	

On October 8, 2010, the Tax Discovery Bureau (Bureau) of the Idaho State Tax Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Deficiency Determination (NODD) to [Redacted] (taxpayer) proposing tax, penalty, and interest for taxable years 2004 through 2007 in the total amount of \$9,462.

A timely protest and petition for redetermination was filed by the taxpayer. An informal hearing has not been requested by the taxpayer. The Commission has reviewed the file, is advised of its contents, and hereby issues its decision.

The taxpayer and his wife failed to file their 2004 through 2007 individual income tax returns. Because Commission records showed the taxpayers met the state income tax filing requirements and had not filed their Idaho income tax returns for taxable years 2004 through 2007, the Bureau attempted to contact them for clarification. The taxpayers did not respond.

The Bureau requested and received a transcript of [Redacted] income records from [Redacted] The information was provided in accordance with Internal Revenue Code § 6103(d) and Idaho Code § 63-3077.

Idaho Code § 63-3045(1)(a) states:

63-3045. Notice of redetermination or deficiency -- Interest. (1) (a) If, in the case of any taxpayer, the state tax commission determines that there is a deficiency in respect of the tax imposed by this title, the state tax commission shall, immediately upon discovery thereof, send notice of such deficiency to the taxpayer by registered or certified mail or by other commercial delivery service providing proof of delivery, whichever is the most cost efficient. The notice shall

be sent to the taxpayer's last address known to the state tax commission. The notice of deficiency shall be accompanied by an explanation of the specific reason for the determination and an explanation of the taxpayer's right to appeal. Within sixty-three (63) days after such notice is mailed, the taxpayer may, at his option, file a protest in writing with the state tax commission and obtain redetermination of the deficiency.

The Bureau prepared the missing Idaho returns on behalf of the taxpayer and sent him an NODD. The taxpayer appealed the NODD. The taxpayer acknowledged his filing requirement and gave several promises of dates returns were to be filed. But when returns were not received, his file was transferred to the Legal/Tax Policy Division for administrative review. The taxpayer did not respond to a letter from the tax policy specialist that outlined his appeal rights.

The information obtained from [Redacted] along with Commission records, shows the taxpayer and his wife had income in excess of the filing requirement. The Commission issued an NODD to the taxpayer and his wife on October 8, 2010, based on the income information obtained from [Redacted] and that found in Commission records.

According to the [Redacted], neither the taxpayer nor his spouse, filed [Redacted] income tax returns for taxable years 2004 through 2007. If a husband and wife elect to file a joint return for [Redacted] purposes, they are required to file a joint return for state purposes. When the election to file a joint return is not made on a [Redacted] return, the Commission must issue assessments using the filing status of Married, Filing Separate with income and deductions equally divided between spouses according to Idaho's community property laws.

The penalty and interest additions were calculated in conformity with Idaho Code §§ 63-3045 and 63-3046.

A Notice of Deficiency Determination issued by the Idaho State Tax Commission is presumed to be accurate. Parsons v. Idaho State Tax Comm'n, 110 Idaho 572 (Ct. App. 1986).

The burden is on the taxpayer to show that the tax deficiency is erroneous. Albertson's, Inc. v. State, Dept. of Revenue, 106 Idaho 810 (1984).

The taxpayer has provided nothing that would dissuade the Commission from accepting the Bureau's determination of Idaho income and Idaho income tax for taxable years 2004 through 2007.

THEREFORE, the Notice of Deficiency Determination dated October 8, 2010, and directed to [Redacted] is hereby AFFIRMED.

IT IS ORDERED that the taxpayer pay the following amount of tax, penalty, and interest:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2004	\$1,413	\$353	\$538	\$2,304
2005	1,933	483	619	3,035
2006	1,739	435	448	2,622
2007	1,221	305	229	<u>1,755</u>
			TOTAL DUE	<u>\$9,716</u>

Interest is calculated through December 9, 2011.

DEMAND for immediate payment of the foregoing amount is hereby made and given.

An explanation of the taxpayer's right to appeal this decision is enclosed.

DATED this _____ day of _____ 2011.

IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____ 2011, a copy of the within and foregoing DECISION was served by sending the same by United States mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to:

[Redacted]

Receipt No.
