

Ex-NFL Player's Tax Lawyer Gets 3 Years for False Returns

Bloomberg Law is **reporting** that a Northern California tax attorney was sentenced April 1 to three years in federal prison for stealing \$1.2 million in refunds fraudulently obtained on behalf of his NFL player client.

Hiram M. Martin was charged with falsifying returns for Antrel Rolle, a former Pro Bowl NFL safety who played for the Arizona Cardinals, New York Giants, and Chicago Bears. Martin reportedly filed tax documents in Rolle's name without his permission, and forged his client's signature, writes Bloomberg's David McAfee.

Prosecutors said Martin also worked to keep the IRS from contacting Rolle and to keep Rolle from contacting the IRS when a news story ran about the athlete's tax liabilities.

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