IRS Employee Tasked with Helping ID Theft Victims Pleads Guilty to Committing Identity Theft

February 11, 2016 â€“ A former IRS Employee, Nakeisha Hall, has pleaded guilty to using her position and IRS computer access to commit identity theft. Hall admitted her guilt is a scheme in which she and three other people stole the personal information of tax filers and then used that information to file false tax returns. The scheme attempted to defraud taxpayers of $1.5 million, of which at least $438,000 was actually paid out by the IRS.

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Ironically Hall was assigned to the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service; a division of the agency that is tasked with assisting identity theft victims. Hall used her position to access social security numbers, bank account information and other highly sensitive personally identifiable information of victims.

This past Monday, Hall entered a guilty plea in US District Court for aggravated identity theft, theft of government funds, unauthorized access to a protected computer, conspiracy to commit bank fraud & mail fraud affecting a financial institution. She is due to be sentenced on June 29th. She faces as much as 47 years in prison.

In addition to the prison time, Hall has agreed to pay restitution to the government of $438,000 which was actually paid out to her in the form of fraudulent tax refunds. She also faces fines in excess of $1 million.

Hallâ€™s co-conspirators have also been indicted and are in various stages of the legal process.
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