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## Even Yard Sales Can Be Subject to Oklahoma's Sales Tax



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Most people have a good innate barometer about when it's appropriate to collect sales tax and when the state is likely to look the other way. If you run a sporting-goods store in the state of Oklahoma, for instance, you are required to collect, and regularly forward, a sales tax of 4.5 percent (in fact, it's impossible to open a legal retail store in this state without first obtaining a sales tax permit). If you're selling items on eBay to a fellow Oklahoma resident, though, your first impulse may be to avoid the

sales tax entirely, and the same goes for an impromptu yard sale. Technically speaking, though, the Oklahoma sales tax may even apply to these two latter situations (though the law is still evolving with respect to internet sales). The real issue, of course, is when the



authorities are likely to take note of your actions and request that you forward sales tax. If you're part of a neighborhood yard sale, say, and make a net profit of a hundred and fifty bucks,

it would cost more to identify and pursue you than the tax debt is worth (about five or six dollars). However, if you run a network of regularly scheduled yard sales across the state, collecting revenues from each, you may be subject to the state sales tax, especially as your calculated debt climbs into noticeable figures of a few hundred or thousand dollars. When it comes to Oklahoma's sales tax laws, it's better to play it safe than to incur the wrath of the state authorities. Call the experienced tax attorneys at [Travis W. Watkins, PC](#) today for a free consultation!

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### It's payday someday for Oregon woman who filed fraudulent request for multi-million dollar tax refund

A Salem, Oregon woman, Krystle Marie Reyes, was sentenced to 5 1/2 years in prison for a fraudulent 2011 state tax return claiming a refund in excess of \$2 million dollars. The State of Oregon has recovered about \$1.9 million of the money. However, Reyes spent about \$150,000 on a shopping spree for various consumer items, including a queen-sized air mattress, a deep fryer, an air conditioner and a cream and gray floral rug before being apprehended. She also bought a sofa and recliner with brown leather trim. Oregon



currently provides conforming goods at all its correctional facilities. The scam was discovered when Reyes twice reported her debit card stolen. The State of Oregon previously loaded Reyes' debit card with the enormous refund. Reyes' return was initially flagged by revenue officials when she reported

\$3 million in income for the year and requested the large refund. For unknown reasons, Oregon revenue officials reversed the hold on the refund before the error was discovered. Reyes made less than \$15,000 in 2009 and 2010. Fight the temptation to file inaccurate returns. We can argue about a lot of things (assets, expenses, values, etc.) with taxing authorities. But, you can't hide money or lie about your income and deductions to get a refund. If you have questions about filing a proper tax return, call [Travis Watkins](#) today for more information.

## Sleep Loss Corner

*Sleep Deprivation Debit Coupon (Present for a good night's sleep)*

The amount of sleep a person needs also increases if he or she has been deprived of sleep in previous days. Getting too little sleep creates a "sleep debt"

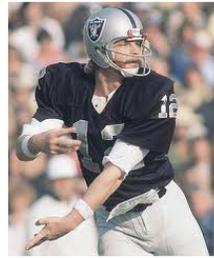
which is much like being overdrawn at a bank. Eventually, your body will demand that the debt be repaid. We don't seem to adapt to getting less sleep than we need,

while we may get used to a sleep depriving schedule, our judgment, reaction time, and other functions are still impaired.

## NFL Hall of Famer, Ken Stabler, Faces IRS Trouble

Former Alabama star quarterback and NFL Hall-of-Famer, Kenny ("the Snake") Stabler is facing \$265,000 in back taxes. That amount remains after Stabler sold his primary residence to pay back \$157,000 toward the tax bill. The taxes are both personal and from a failed business venture dating back as far as 1995. The IRS filed the lawsuit to protect its 10 year statute of limitations in 2006 and to seize Stabler's primary residence at the time (not the property recently sold). The IRS now has 20 years to collect the debt, due to the suit filing

and judgment. Stabler is 66 years old. The IRS seized and sold Stabler's primary residence in 2006 over the objection of his non-liable spouse at the time. Sale occurred anyway and Stabler's spouse received half of the proceeds. Now the IRS is going after the deficiencies left over after the 2 sales. Stabler is virtually retired, but plans to request an installment agreement to satisfy the debts, which the IRS can now collect until Stabler is 86 years old.



In the meantime, the IRS can levy Stabler's social security at a rate of 15%. The latest IRS actions cap off a rocky patch in Stabler's life that includes 3 divorces and 3 arrests for driving under the influence. Is the IRS forcing you out of your home, seeking a deficiency judgment or garnishment? Call Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa tax lawyer, [Travis Watkins](#) at 405-607-1192 today for a free consultation today about your tax problem.

## SEPTEMBER 2012 TAX DUE DATES

**September 3**—Everyone—Federal Holiday (Labor Day)

**September 10**—Employees who work for tips—If you received \$20 or more in tips during August, report them to your employer.

**September 17**—Individuals—Make a payment of your 2012 estimated tax if you are not paying your income tax for the year through withholding Use Form 1040-ES. This is the 3rd installment.

**September 17**—Corporations—File a 2011 calendar year income tax return (Form 1120) and pay any tax, interest and penalties due. This due date applies only if you timely requested an automatic 6-month extension.

**September 17**—S Corporations—File a 2011 calendar year income tax return (Form 1120S) and pay any tax due. This due date applies only if you timely requested an automatic 6-month extension.

**September 17**—Partnerships—File a 2011 calendar year return (Form 1065), This due date applies only if you were given an additional 5-month extension.

**September 17**—Corporations—Deposit the third installment of estimated income tax for 2012.

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