



Now That Taxes Are Filed, Here Come The Divorces

Divorce Lawyer Says Business Picks Up After Taxes

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CHICAGO -- Now that tax day has passed for most people, here come the divorces. A Chicago divorce lawyer said her business picks up sharply the day after taxes are filed. She said people in troubled marriages find out a lot about each other when they get their financial papers in order for Uncle Sam.

Beverly Pekala said that's especially true for spouses who aren't up to speed on family or business finances.

Information that can be gleaned from tax forms and the paperwork that was used to prepare it includes secret bank accounts, cashed-in stock options or interests in a business.

Meanwhile, a harried worker said the Philadelphia post office was like Times Square as last-minute tax filers piled in.

One retired postal worker who owed money admitted he was in "no hurry" to file his taxes before last night's deadline. Charles Lane was one of the procrastinating taxpayers scrambling Monday night to file their returns on time.

A Little Rock, Ark., computer programmer held on to the \$2,500 he owed for as long as possible. Ronald Edwards said if he's going to pay taxes, he's not doing to do it "until the last second."

Because April 15 fell on Saturday this year, taxpayers had at least until Monday to file their returns. The Patriot Day holiday gave people in several states yet another 24 hours.

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