

Taxpayer Name: ACOSTA, ALEXANDRA
TIN: [REDACTED]
Tax Form: 1040
Tax Year(s): 2018, 2019

Examiner: Kampmeyer, Phyllis
Date: 04/01/2021

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Group Manager Signature:	Valerie D. Fitzgerald	Digitally signed by Valerie D. Fitzgerald Date: 2021.04.01 12:35:38 -04'00'
		Date: 04/01/2021

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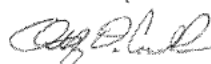
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Signature of Approver:



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Name and Title of Approver:

Anthony DeCarvalho

Date: 01/21/2021

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Initial Interview Questions and Notes

Please record any interview questions or notes below.

Preparer Information		Yes	No
	A. Was return prepared for compensation? (If yes, complete remaining items.)	X	
	B. Did the preparer sign the return and include the appropriate identification number(s)?	X	
	C. Did taxpayer receive a copy of return?	unknown	
	D. Did preparer negotiate refund?		X
	E. What information or documents did the T/P provide to the preparer?		

Comments: (If either B or C is "No" consider preparer penalties.) (If D is "Yes" consider preparer penalties)

12-17-2020: BSO deputy. R/E agent on the side.

TP has been having Mr. Stlouis prepare her return for 4-5 years. TP makes an appointment and goes to the Davie office. She takes her W-2 and F1099-MISC and F1098. She takes in some of the receipts for purchases (advertising), cc statements, gas receipts, supplies for home office, etc for the Schedule C expenses.

She and RP figured out the expense together. TP doesn't really know exactly how they come up with figures. She has a figure in her head as to what she spent and then she gives him her paperwork. She believes he analyzes it pretty well since she's there for a while. She says that the figure he puts on the Schedule C is pretty close to what she has in her head. She sat with Vilsaint Stlouis for 2018 and 2019. She does not know Jesus Medina who signed her 2018 return. She doesn't remember whether she received copies of the returns or not. She has not reviewed her returns since she got the L6323. She simply called the RP and he said he would take care of everything about the examination.

TP recalls that RP went over the returns with her each year, however, she can't recall if she had any questions about any part of them since it was a while ago.

TP paid via credit card. TP received direct deposits.

TP cannot recall if she signed anything.

TP states that RP told her if the IRS had questions, she should ask for his assistance and he would assist her.

After explaining some of the expenses on the 2018 Schedule C, TP reiterated that all figures and expenses on the Schedule C's are info that she and RP came up with together.

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She did not leave it all to him.

TCO explained that she may have more questions in the future and TP agreed to answer them if needed.

Prior IRS Contacts or Prior Audits		Yes	No
	Was the taxpayer previously contacted by the IRS? (If yes, list years and explain below.)		X
	Has the taxpayer been previously audited? (If yes, list years and explain below.)		
	Do repetitive audit procedures apply?		
	Was amended return(s) filed? If "yes", when? (secure a copy from the T/P, check IDRS to see if posted)		X
Comments: (Issues/Reasons)			
Required Returns	Go to Lead sheet 130-1.1		

Initial Interview Questions and Notes			
Income Probe		Reported or None Received	Received but not Reported
	Alimony	None	
	Bartering	None	
	• Income from exchange of personal services or merchandise		
	• Income from bartering clubs or organizations		
	Child Support	None	
Commissions	Reported –		

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Worksheet # 400 -2.2

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Dividends	None	
Employer Reimbursements	None	
Estate/Trust	None	
Foreign Accounts	None	
Gambling/Lotteries	None	
Gifts/Inheritance	None	
Hobbies	None	
Insurance Proceeds	None	
Interest from Banks or Savings and Loans	None	
Investments	None	
IRA/Keogh Distributions	None	
Loans	None	
Military Allowance	None	
Mortgage (second)	None	
Other Jobs	Reported – Sch C	
Partnerships	None	
Pensions, Annuities, Profit-sharing	None	
Prizes, Awards, Bonuses	None	
Rent/Royalty	None	
Sale of Assets –Real estate sales (rental, personal home or other)	None	
Scholarship, Fellowship, Grant	None	
Sick Pay	None	
Social Security	None	
State/Local Tax Refund	None	
Stock Sales	None	
Tips	None	
Unemployment Compensation	None	
VA Benefits	None	
Welfare	None	

Comments: (Mandatory in order to document the nature and extent of the income Probe

TP is a Broward County Deputy Sheriff. TP is married to Erin Thompson as of 2018. TP owns her own home in Tamarac where she lives with her wife and her wife's children.

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Ex	Name	Age	Relationship	Other Information
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Comments:				
Additional Items:				
Business Supplement		Go to Lead sheet 125-3.1		

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Brief Description of Day-to-Day Business Operation	TP is a real estate agent selling residential homes in Broward and Miami Dade county. GR is determined by F1099-MISC. Expenses: car expenses, advertising, home office, office supplies, internet, cell phone, fees paid to brokerage, license TP uses debit cards and credit cards to pay for expenses. She only has one bank account and intermingles the expenses with personal expenses.		
Business History	How long in business?	Has business sustained a loss in prior or subs. year?	
	Several years	Losses	
	Number of Employees		
	- Full time - Part time	None	
Accounting Method	☒ Cash	☐ Accrual	☐ Hybrid
	Who keeps the books? TP		
Cash on Hand		Beginning of Year	End of Year
	Home	\$	\$
	Business	\$	\$
	Elsewhere	\$	\$
Where do You Maintain Your Bank Accounts?	Business Account Number	Personal Account Number	
		[REDACTED]	
Banking Practices	Were all business and personal expenses kept separately? No.		
	Were all business receipts deposited? To which account? Not sure.		
	How are business expenses paid? Debit card, credit cards		

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Safety Deposit Box	Location	Contents			
Purchases	Any withdrawals of purchases for personal use?				
Related Transactions	Any transactions between you and a relative or related party?				
	Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, explain.				
Gross Receipts	How were gross receipts calculated? From F1099-MISC				
Inventories, if applicable	Are inventories material? ☐ Yes ☒ No				
	Did beginning and ending balances agree with prior and subsequent?		Yes		No
	Where there any changes in method of valuing inventories?		Yes		No
	When taken:				
	How:				
	Include year-end purchases?		Yes		No
	Any write-offs or write downs?		Yes		No
Loans, Notes, Mortgages Payable	Description	Amount	Per	Bus	WP Ref
Capital Items Sold	Description	Amount	Purchaser		WP Ref
Capital Items Purchased	Description	Amount	Seller		WP Ref

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