

IRS Pays Whistleblower \$104 Million

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Whistleblower imprisoned for tax fraud gets \$104 million from IRS for helping expose cheating

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First, the government threw Bradley Birkenfeld in prison for helping a former client at UBS hide his wealth from the Internal Revenue Service. Now, as part of the same case, the IRS

has awarded the former banker \$104 million — yes, million — for helping expose the widespread tax evasion scheme by the Swiss banking behemoth

The IRS whistleblower program was strengthened by Congress in 2006 to focus on high-earning tax dodgers, guaranteeing awards for whistleblowers whose information leads to collections of at least \$2 million in unpaid taxes, interest and penalties. The agency is

