

Evidence b: Examples of wealthy individuals who were bankrupted

Gedaljahu Ebert was declared bankrupt on an alleged debt of £50.000 on a false document in a fraudulent claim in an action to which he was not a party.

Ebert's assets included interests in 1.200 properties with an annual income of about £1.2m (in 1995.)

All his assets, including his home, amounting to millions of pounds have been appropriated on a £50.000 debt which has nothing to do with him what-so-ever.

Johan Foenander was declared bankrupt, whilst clearly solvent, on an alleged debt of £4.793 despite

(1) being able to pay

(2) offering to pay (to avoid bankruptcy)

(3) an issued pending application being in place affecting the order on which the bankruptcy petition was based.

His offer to pay in cleared funds was rejected, because he refused to agree that he owed the [disputed] debt.

Johan's assets consisted of his home and a large insurance claim which were appropriated leaving him and his brother, who was part legal owner (a non bankrupt), with a loss of several hundreds of thousands of pounds each.

Royston Leicester was bankrupted on an alleged debt of £6.000 on a forged order after the Bankruptcy Petition was thrown out.

Royston owned property valued at around £20m (in 1997) which was appropriated, including his home, leaving him and his late wife with a loss of many millions of pounds.

Another example is **Patrick Cullinane** who was bankrupted by the Inland Revenue and whose case was written up and referred to by *The Guardian* in various contexts:

October 7, 2000: No friend in court

Patrick Cullinane is invoking the European Human Rights Act to defend himself against an Inland Revenue claim.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2000/oct/07/personalfinancenews1>

February 12, 2005: Revenue rejects data requests

The Freedom of Information Act doesn't impress the taxman, writes Philip Inman
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2005/feb/12/tax.jobsandmoney>

July 2, 2005: Tax experts call for a bill of rights

A series of reports critical of the Inland Revenue's officials and procedures have prompted demands for clear guidance

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2005/jul/02/tax.jobsandmoney>

May 12, 2009: Taxpayers deserve a stronger Charter

The Treasury's draft charter of taxpayers' rights fails to protect us from over-zealous inspectors

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/may/12/taxpayers-charter-treasury-inspectors>