In the Matter of the Petition

ROGER & MARY ANN PAGANO

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article(s) 22 of the

State of New York County of Albany

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that Bruce Batchelor The is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of , 1977, she served the within age, and that on the 12thday of May by (certified) mail upon Roger & Mary Ann Pagano Notice of Decision

(xepresentative xeft) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Roger Pagano 2024 - 82nd Street Brooklyn, NY 11214

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative) of the) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

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Brooklyn, NY 11214

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STATE TAX COMMISSION

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STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE...

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

May 12, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Pagano 2024 - 82nd Street Brooklyn, NY 11214

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Pagano:

Please take notice of the **DECISION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(*) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours

Frank J. Puccia

Supervisor of Small Claims Hearings

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

Enc.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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ROGER & MARY ANN PAGANO

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1973.

Petitioners, Roger and Mary Ann Pagano, residing at 2024-82nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11214, have filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1973 (File No. 11855).

A small claims hearing was held before William Valcarcel, Small Claims Hearing Officer, on July 13, 1976 at 10:45 a.m. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York. The petitioners appeared by Bernard M. Teevan. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Frank Levitt, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Did petitioners, Roger and Mary Ann Pagano, properly substantiate amounts claimed on their New York State income tax return as "Miscellaneous Deductions?"

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioners, Roger and Mary Ann Pagano, filed a joint
1973 New York State income tax resident return for the year 1973

on which they claimed miscellaneous deductions in the amount of \$1,374.90.

- 2. On November 15, 1974, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioners, wherein \$1,107.50 of the amount claimed for miscellaneous deductions was disallowed. Adjustments to contributions, rental loss and medical and dental expenses were conceded to by the petitioners and are not at issue.
- 3. The receipts submitted in support of uniform expenses claimed as a miscellaneous deduction had no name or date on them.
- 4. Meal expense of \$569.00 was claimed as a miscellaneous deduction for meals consumed by petitioner during his night-tour of duty performed as a fireman.
- 5. Job-related home expense of \$300.00 was claimed as a miscellaneous deduction, for a home office and transportation expenses incurred by petitioner, Mary Ann Pagano, who was vice-president of a small business corporation, known as G & M Products, Inc.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the deduction claimed for uniform expense of \$275.00 was properly disallowed as the petitioners failed to show who incurred such expense and the date upon which such expense was incurred.
- B. That the deduction of \$569.00 claimed for the cost of meals consumed during night-tour duty performed by the petitioner, Roger Pagano, was properly disallowed as such amount constituted a non-deductible personal expense.

- C. That the petitioners, Roger and Mary Ann Pagano, submitted sufficient documentary evidence to sustain the burden of proof for the home office deductions claimed on their New York State personal income return.
- D. That the petition of Roger and Mary Ann Pagano is granted to the extent that the miscellaneous deductions allowed are increased from \$267.40 to \$567.40 because of the allowance of the home office expense.
- E. That the Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the Notice of Deficiency issued October 27, 1975; and that, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York May 12, 1977

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