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### MICHIGAN MOM FILMED NUDE AT SON'S SWIM SCHOOL SPEAKS OUT

# 'Everything scares me': Her lawsuit seeks changes



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## A refund from the COVID years?

### Obscure court ruling means IRS payouts

Oodles of taxpayers — from the very well off to the barely making it — could be owed a chunk of change from the Internal Revenue Service after a complex court decision involving what rules did and didn't apply during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like anything else relating to taxes, it's not going to be simple to get your money — or even to figure out if you're owed a refund related to some penalties and interest assessed years ago. These refunds are not automatic; you won't stumble upon a check out of the blue here. Most taxpayers will need to rush to file a special tax form by July 10 if they hope to see any relief.

The National Taxpayer Advocate began publishing a series of online blogs in late April to better explain the potential refunds — and why many everyday households need to act now to potentially get some cash.

We're looking at the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 tax years. You could be affected if you filed a tax return late from Jan. 20, 2020, through July 10, 2023.

### Who may miss out on IRS COVID tax refunds and relief

Unfortunately, many taxpayers who need cash the most face the greatest risk of missing an opportunity to claim a potential refund.

"Taxpayers without representation, particularly lower-income taxpayers, may never hear about it and may lose

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Morgan Dean, of Troy, a mother, speaks to the Free Press from her attorney's office on May 1, days after they filed a class action. Dean is speaking out publicly for the first time about her horrifying ordeal. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

## Doctor convicted in the case serving 35-60 years in prison

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Athletic trainer Morgan Dean was working a hectic high school basketball game when she got that mind-numbing call from the sheriff's department.

"Ma'am, we think we've identified you and your son in one of the videos from the Goldfish swim school case."

Dean dropped to her knees.

"I was sobbing. A resource officer had to pull me up," recalled Dean, who within 24 hours would see for herself the images that continue to haunt her: Secret

### "That might have been the worst day of my entire life."

**Morgan Dean**, talking about the day she found out from law enforcement she had been one of the victims in a secret filming at a swim school by a sexual predator

video recordings of her in the nude, and her 2-year-old son partially clothed inside a changing room at the Goldfish Swim School in Rochester.

"That might have been the worst day of my entire life," Dean said to the Free Press in a recent exclusive interview,

just days after filing a class action against the swim school, alleging it failed to protect her and others from a sexual predator who secretly filmed women and children as they changed in and out of their swimsuits between 2021 and 2024.

According to Dean's lawsuit, this predator was able to walk into the swim school at least 50 times without being questioned or stopped, snuck cameras into the building, hid them under changing room dividers, recorded women and children in rooms next

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# DNR on rare bear sight: Let bears be bears

## Officials monitoring, say there's no reason to panic

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Rare sightings of a black bear on cameras in Wayne and Monroe counties have southeast Michigan abuzz. But Michigan's wildlife regulator, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, doesn't necessarily see it as a bad thing. Photos from a trail camera near

Carleton in Monroe County from the early morning of May 10, and then on Blink security camera footage the following night near Flat Rock, about 6 miles away, appear to be of the same bear, said DNR bear specialist Cody Norton.

"It's certainly extremely infrequent when they do show up in the southeast, especially this far south," he said. "It's extremely rare, but they do show up there occasionally."

DNR will monitor the situation, but if the bear isn't causing conflicts, the plan is to let it just be a bear, Norton said.

"So far this bear has not exhibited any destructive behavior, nuisance behavior, isn't causing conflicts," he said.

"In our bear management plan, we state that one of our objectives is to allow bears to naturally recolonize the southern Lower Peninsula, to the extent that social acceptance allows.

"We will monitor the situation for sure. If it changes, if it starts causing significant conflicts or concern in an area, absolutely, we could then take action. But otherwise, we plan on letting the bears be a bear and try to find a new home range to set up with."

### Recent Ann Arbor area sighting, too, but that one's more uncertain

Norton noted that less than a week before the Carleton and Flat Rock bear captures on camera, an Ann Arbor area resident reported spotting a black bear on May 5. The DNR was sent a photo of what was believed to be a bear track, but it was not, he said.

"So that one is unconfirmed, but it's interesting timing with it being just five days before the confirmed southeast

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