

ROLAND BURRIS, THE SEQUEL

So Roland Burris has a son, Roland II. A son who—at a time when Burris I was already leveraging to get Obama’s seat in the Senate—got hired by a state agency to do stuff that he was probably not the best candidate to do.

The son of embattled Sen. Roland Burris is a federal tax deadbeat who landed a \$75,000-a-year state job under former Gov. Rod Blagojevich five months ago, the Chicago Sun-Times has learned.

Blagojevich’s administration hired Roland W. Burris II as a senior counsel for the state’s housing authority Sept. 10 – about six weeks after the Internal Revenue Service slapped a \$34,163 tax lien on Burris II and three weeks after a mortgage company filed a foreclosure suit on his South Side house.

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Burris II had resolved two federal tax liens in 2005 before being hit with the \$34,163 lien in July. That lien against his property seeks unpaid taxes for 2004, 2005 and 2007.

A month after the IRS filed the lien, Burris II’s lender filed its foreclosure suit. Since Burris II and his wife got the \$372,000 mortgage on July 18, 2006, they’ve paid less than \$3,000 on it, the suit alleges. The balance due is \$406,685, including interest and penalties.

I’m particularly interested in the foreclosure problems Roland II had on his house, given the fact that he only paid Mayor Daley a dollar for the land he built the house on.

Burris II built his home in the booming Bronzeville neighborhood on land he bought from the City of Chicago in 2000. City records show he paid \$1 for the lot as part of an effort to clean up his once-blighted block.

I still have a gut feel that Burris II got a job in exchange for the job that Patti Blago got from the charity that Burris I's partner sits on the board of which was making development scams possible for Mayor Daley. But I also suspect we won't get to that part of the story until Burris Blago, Part 10.