

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

PUBLIC NOTICE

REPORTS OF FRAUDULENT SCHEME

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts (“Administrative Office”) has been notified by a Western state bankruptcy court of a fraudulent scheme that could be affecting victims throughout the country. That bankruptcy court has had three different individuals appear at its clerk’s office because a caller who claimed that the individuals owed money (\$150-\$450) to pay another person’s debt had contacted them telephonically.

In each instance, the individuals were asked to provide a credit card number. When they refused to do so, the individuals were told that they must report to court for a hearing and that if they did not pay they would be arrested. In each case, the caller provided the bankruptcy court address (including a room number) and a date and time for the fictitious hearing. In at least one instance, the caller identified himself as a police officer. In all cases, the caller provided the same toll-free telephone number for the individuals to call if they decided to pay instead of reporting for the hearing.

Please be aware of this potential fraudulent activity and notify the Clerk’s Office, at (804) 916-2490, if you have received such a call.

William C. Redden
Clerk of Court

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