

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

NOTICE

Fraudulent Scheme

Another bankruptcy court has had three different individuals appear at the clerk's office because they had been contacted by phone claiming that they owe money (\$150-\$450) to pay the debt of another person. In each instance, when the individuals refused to provide a credit card number to the caller, they 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/time for a fictitious hearing. In at least one case, the caller identified himself as a police officer. In all cases, the caller provided the same toll-free number for the individuals to call if they decided to pay instead of reporting for the hearing.

The Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania does not ask for credit card information over the phone. You should not provide credit card information to anyone calling and identifying themselves as an employee of the bankruptcy court.

Please call 412-644-2700 if you receive a phone call that you believe is fraudulent.

John J. Horner
Clerk of Court