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PUBLIC NOTICE

This Court is aware of a fraudulent scheme that could be affecting victims throughout the country.

The bankruptcy court in a Western state has had three different individuals appear at its Clerk's office because they had been contacted telephonically by a caller who claimed that the individuals owed money (\$150-\$450) to pay another person's debt.

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 local 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 this office if you have received such a call at (301) 344-8018 (Greenbelt) or (410) 962-2688 (Baltimore).