

# **BANKRUPTCY <sup>UP</sup>DATE**

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### **U.S. Trustee Program Warns of Bankruptcy Scam**

According to the U.S. Trustee Program, a scam operator calling itself the "Bankruptcy Fraud Watchdog Group" has recently set its sights on consumer debtors, sending letters falsely accusing debtors of failing to disclose assets in their bankruptcy cases. These letters threaten referrals to "the United States Bankruptcy Trustee" for fraud unless the debtors promptly pay "a one-time amnesty fine" of \$450 in Bitcoin via a QR code to avoid "further legal consequences." They also falsely state that debtors who share the letters with their attorneys will face "immediate referral for criminal prosecution." Debtors or their attorneys should report contacts from the so-called "Bankruptcy Fraud Watchdog Group" or other suspicious communications to the [U.S. Trustee Program](#).

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