

# PRESS NOTICE

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**MIDLANDS MAN GUILTY OF TWO BANKRUPTCY FRAUD  
CASES IN S.C.**

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. Walter Wilkins stated that Maurice Wyman Scott, 48, of Columbia, pled guilty in federal court in Columbia to making a fraudulent statement on two separate bankruptcy petitions. United States District Judge Matthew J. Perry, Jr. accepted the pleas and will sentence Scott at a later date.

In April 2004 Scott filed a Chapter 13 voluntary bankruptcy petition with the United States Bankruptcy Court in Columbia. Scott listed a false employer and provided false annual income for three years, and then certified the petition as true and accurate. Scott admitted that he falsely claimed lawful employment in order to appear to have regular, legitimate income in an attempt to seek protection under Chapter 13.

In January 2009 Scott filed a Chapter 13 voluntary bankruptcy petition with the United States Bankruptcy Court in Columbia. Scott deliberately failed to list four previous bankruptcy cases he had filed, and then certified the petition as true and accurate. At that time, Scott was subject to an Order issued earlier by a United States Bankruptcy Judge in South Carolina prohibiting Scott from refile for bankruptcy relief in any federal district until September 27, 2009. The maximum penalty of imprisonment Scott faces on both bankruptcy fraud charges is five years in prison and a \$250,000.00 fine.

The cases were investigated by agents of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General. Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Hunter Young of the Columbia office is prosecuting the cases.