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Don't be duped!

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter is alerting Hoosiers about a telephone scam that attempts to obtain residents' bank account or social security numbers and other personal identifying information. The callers indicate new Social Security Cards or free medical cards are being sent and they need to verify some personal information.

Carter says this scam is particularly disturbing since the ploy can often trick people into thinking they must comply or face difficulties later if they don't receive a new social security card.

"Remember, the federal government and legitimate businesses will not ask you for bank account or social security numbers over the phone," said Carter.

People must guard their personal and financial information carefully from unsolicited callers.

Carter stressed that bad things can happen when the wrong people get a hold of social security, bank account, and credit card numbers.

"Accounts can be drained before you realize what has happened, and fraudulent credit established under your name," Carter said. "Rectifying these events can take several years and hundreds of dollars."

If citizens receive a call, they are urged to hang up and report the call to the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Division online at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral or by calling 1-800-382-5516.

Circuit Court Judge Donald Currie

New filings are from public records available in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi. Other information regarding judgments and marriage dissolutions is gathered from public records found in the clerk's office.

Dane E. Fife was charged with forgery and obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or deceit.

Christiana Bank & Trust Company filed a complaint on promissory note and to foreclose mortgage against Fred W. Hicks Jr., Joan S. Killian and unknown occupants.

Lola Linn Scott filed a complaint for foreclosure against Ralph Lynn Scott.

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Kathy Eva Dunbar filed a verified petition for restricted driving privileges against Tricia L. Thompson, prosecutor for Carroll County, State of Indiana.

Donna Lucille Engle was named executor of the estate of the late Donnabelle Oakley, probate will only.

US Bank NA filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Daniel L. McCarty and Lindsey M. Simpson.

Sue A. Riley and Sam A. Riley filed a complaint for damages and jury demand against Frank A. Herron and Cain Hauling Inc.

Discover Bank filed a complaint against Alan L. Sorenson.

Taxes in the amount of $410,265.93 were paid on the gross value ($11,471,917.99) of the following estates: Earnest L. Medley, Donnabelle McNally, Helen Kinzie, John F. Kinzie, Jeffrey L. Davis, Hilda Huffer, Raymond D. Crain, Ruth A. Miller, Glenn E. Fisher, Richard C. Cochran, Marjorie M. Pearson, Richard L. Davis, Miriam A. Myer, Bernice Miller, Florence T. Parks, Marjorie Landes and Malvina Daniels.

Rosalie Layton was named executor of the estate of the late Fern C. Wagner.

The estate of the late Helen M. Stockton was admitted, probate will only.

Blaine M. McLeland was charged with burglary and theft.

Allan Zetee was charged with burglary, forgery and theft.

HSBC Mortgage filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Andrew R. and Shawn D. Draper.

HSBC Mortgage Service Inc. filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Bobby J. Foster, Conny L. Vandersee, Eli Lilly Federal Credit Union and Beneficial Indiana Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Company.

National City Real Estate Services LLC filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Adam R. Cunningham and Delphi Community Schools.

Huntington National Bank filed a complaint to foreclose mortgage against Juan Martinez.

CACH of Colorado filed a complaint against John S. Dietrich.

HSBC Bank Nevada fileed a complaint against William L. Benefiel.

Chase Home Finance LLC filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage on real estate against Janet S. Wentzel.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company filed a complaint on note and to foreclose mortgage against Mariah J. Dance.

A complaint to foreclose mortgage filed by Countrywide Home Loans against Mary E. Rynard was dismissed.

Dissolution of marriage was granted to the following: Beth Ann Lorenz and Richard Lorenz, with wife's former name of Ensign restored; Pamela A. Beharry and Deryck R. Beharry; Sarah Shirar and Wayne Shirar, with wife's maiden name of Smith restored; Lenn F. Ohman and Debora L. Ohman, with wife's former name of Bryant restored; Jennifer Lynn Barnes and Jeremy Dale Barnes; Norma Brooks and Whitt Brooks, with wife's former name of Hampton restored; and Scott Hile and Tammy Hile.

The following were found to be in arrears in the payment of child support as of Dec. 12, 2007 (unless otherwise noted): Susie J. Jenkins, in the amount of $3,355; Stephen A. Clark Sr., $9,259; John Graves, $525; Donald Hughes, $2,178; Richard Collins, $9,693.65; Scott Delaney, $1,116 (as of August 2007); Javier Piceno, $1,758; Jason Blount, $2,414.95; Janice Bell, $1,874; Wade McCarty, $6,705; Jason Williamson, $1,495; Rondall Lee White, $24,394.58; Rhonda Everett, $22,113.72; Dale Babcock, $14,776; Lorri Hinton, $7,716; William Rains, $6,183.18; and Michael Taber, $2.624.

Alena M. Gill, 39, pled guilty to escape, resisting law enforcement and possession of a switchblade knife. She was sentenced to five years 180 days in prison, three years suspended, and three years of pro-

I left my little Toyota sedan outside on the coldest night of the year. It was a dumb move. Had this particular evening been planned, I would have at least pointed the car away from the wind.

The next morning I faced the music and trudged out to the car. I mentally made note of where I might rummage around to find jumper cables and from whom I could get an early morning jump. The car is several years old, the battery is original equipment, I was asking a lot on this particular morning.

The inside of the car was frigid. The door moaned as I closed it shut. I put my key in the ignition and set my expectations on low. Then I made sure the radio was off, ditto the heater fan.

I turned the key- and the car started on the first try, it actually purred.

Memories of dead cars and dead batteries and that awful click, click, click, then rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr flooded my mind. And it came to me, all these dependable foreign cars that start in the winter, it's making us Americans soft. Maybe it's some sort of conspiracy to lull us into complacency, make us lazy - vulnerable.

The winters of my youth were spent trying to figure out how to keep my various cars running. Fuel additives and warming lights were regular staples in those days. There was one car that I carried a blanket in the trunk to wrap the engine with. That particular ritual rarely worked. The car almost always required a jump.

I've never been fond of

Midwest Memo

by Alan Shultz

Jump start

jumping cars either. Some urban legend about cross polarity and foreign cars mixing with American cars- well, I believed it all. I spent more than my share of time standing out in below zero weather studying the jumper cables and rereading the instructions. Then there was the ritual of brushing off the darn battery to make for very, very certain that this side was indeed negative and not a double negative that would be a positive - right? For a couple years I had a little French Peuguet that rarely ran. In winter I reverted to my own hybrid legend that American cars shouldn't mingle with French cars or they would implode somehow. Those years were devoted to carrying a better pair of galoshes than of jumper cables.

But now it has come to this. I've grown soft and complacent. My car starts in winter - all the time. I don't carry jumper cables or an engine blanket or a heater light. I don't even know the number of a good tow truck.

In my imagination, under the file marked "foreign conspiracy" there it is, the master plan to get us. That will be the year that all the foreign cars shipped to the USA revert back to the winter car performance of my youth. A nation of dead batteries - has homeland security considered that one?!?

Looting

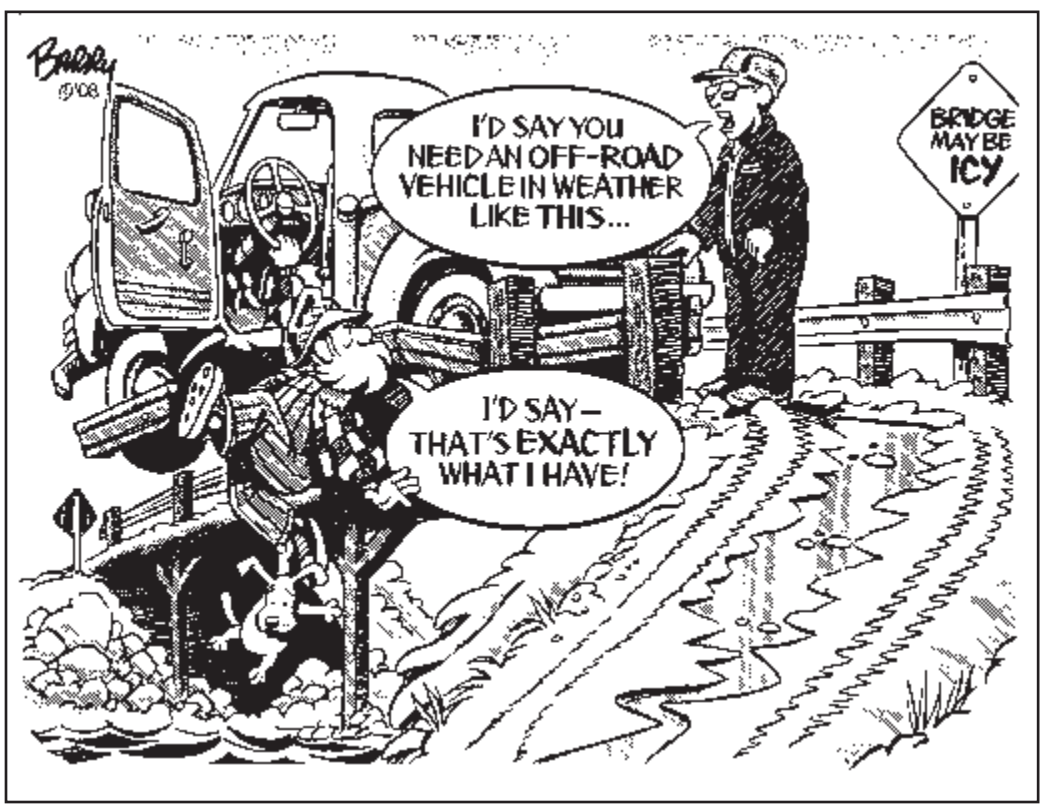
The government regulates who can call me during the dinner hour - but allows banks to consolidate into foreign controlled entities too big to fail without destroying our economy.

President Bush wants to send me back $800 of my tax money so I'll spend it on stuff and prop up the sagging economy. But nothing was said when Wall Street siphoned off $38 billion in year end bonuses last December - despite record investor losses due to the mortgage sub-prime write down.

No one objects, not even blushes, at the greed of Wall Street and yet the government has allowed the manipulation of everyday home mortgages into risky securities.

There is one absolute galling thing about this nationwide mortgage mess. The home mortgage has always represented a time-honored instrument for creating wealth for the average Joe. The home mortgage was designed as a low risk, long-term vehicle for wealth and community building. The idea of the home mortgage has served this nation uniquely well for decades.

Greed, not creativity, on Wall Street recently authored a way to siphon extreme short-term profit from making risky home mortgages. The irony here is that the very mortgages conceived to build households and communities are now destroying same. A very few have looted much through this debacle and it looks like all of us will pay for that looting.



Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Smith

Superior Court judgments are gathered from public records on file in the Carroll County Clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, Delphi.

New Filings

Toi Nguyen was charged with intimidation.

Chaceton H. Hinkle was charged with illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage.

Shawnee A. Carter was charged with two counts of theft.

Robert A. Nelson was charged with criminal mischief.

Crystal Altman was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Joseph L. Shultz was charged with criminal trespass.

Jarad L. Wimmer was charged with six counts of check deception.

James D. Pope II was charged with impersonation of a public servant, no insurance and illegal display of red lights.

Delia M. Northern was charged with public intoxication.

Eric P. Akers was charged with possession of marijuana, failure to stop after accident resulting in non-vehicle damage and habitual substance offender.

Wilfredo Sepulvedo Jr. was charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Johnathon T. Blake was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

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Erika Zamora, 23, pled guilty to disorderly conduct. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. Leslie D. Field; and State of Indiana vs. Richard B. Dix.

Todd Crider, 20, of Delphi, pled guilty to theft. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Darryl Thomas of Lafayette pled guilty to driving while suspended. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed: Harry W. Jones DDS vs. Kent E. Durbin; Beneficial Georgia Inc. vs. Randy W. Stahl; and Helms Lawn Specialist Inc. vs. Tamara Deford.

Byron Rider of Delphi was ordered to pay $6,708.58 to Asset Acceptance LLC.

Default judgements were entered in the following cases: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Pamela R. French; Credit Adjustments Inc. vs. Donald E. Spray; and LVNV Funding LLC vs. Betty Lou Michaels.

In an agreed judgement, Dawn M. Northrup was ordered to pay $2,911.62 to Capital One Bank.

Devon M. Johnson, 22, of Flora, pled guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated (prior) and probation violation. He was sentenced to three years in prison, one and a half years suspended, and one and a half years supervised probation.

John M. Deaner, 36, of Monon, pled guilty to dealing in marijuana (two counts). He was sentenced to one year in jail, all but 180 days suspended, and 185 days supervised probation.

Travis L. Smith, 20, of Monticello, pled guilty to criminal mischief and two counts of failure to stop after accident resulting in non-vehicle damage. He was sentenced to 540 days in jail, all suspended, and 540 days supervised probation.

The following cases were dismissed: State of Indiana vs. Richard L. Henry; and Sally J. Clark.

Candy A. Schneidt pled guilty to check deception (three counts). She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Colteen Marcum, 18, of Flora, pled guilty to criminal trespass. He was sentenced to one year in jail, all suspended, and one year supervised probation.

Deborah L. Spear, 41, of Delphi, pled guilty to public intoxication. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 176 days suspended, and 360 days supervised probation.

Scott B. Spencer, 28, pled guilty to cruelty to an animal, criminal recklessness and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was sentenced to one year in prison.

A charge of driving while suspended against Sherri A. Hinton was amended to driving

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Marriage Licenses

Douglas Dale Welch, 36, and Tracy Ann Rush, 34, both of Camden.

Because the public has a right to know…

In an effort to help our readers understand what government meetings are happening when and where, the *Comet* will now print upcoming meetings on a weekly basis.

Tuesday, Jan. 29
√ Area Plan Commission: 7 p.m.

Public Notices appearing in this issue of the Comet:

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Area IV-Weatherization 4B
Area IV-Contracts.....4B
Alcohol Permit Renewal 4B
Democrat Two-Ann Report..5B
Monroe Twp-Ann Report 5B
CC Soil & Water-Ann Mtg 4B
Burlington Twp-Ann Report ..5B
Town of Camden-CDBG Prg 4B
Liberty Twp-Ann Report 5B
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Sheriff Sale-Duff.....4B
Sheriff Sale-Delaney 4B
Sheriff Sale-Vaughn.....4B

Questions concerning Indiana's Open Door and Public Access Laws may be directed to the state's public access office, at 1-800-228-6013.

Web poll

Tell us starting Wednesday at our web site, carrollcountycomet.com

Each week the *Comet* polls its readers on a different topic. Vote online at carrollcountycomet.com starting each Thursday, and then click the *Comments* link to send us an email voicing your opinion. The best responses will be printed the following week.

The *Comet* has been criticized by at least one elected official for printing too much information about county government. Should the *Comet* continue current full coverage of county government problems?

Yes - It is essential taxpayers know as much as possible about county government.
No – Just the highlights of governmental meetings are sufficient.

Last Weeks results

Should the Commissioners go through a bidding process for county employees' health insurance?

95% Yes
05% No
Total responses: 88
Reader's comments:

Not only do I think they need to get quotes on insurance, but I also do not understand paying insurance to commissioners or other part time employees of the town/cities/ or county with our tax dollars!

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I would imagine that with $800,000 in the works that they would legally have to get bids not only for the insurance but the agent as well. If the agency is receiving up to 10% ($80,000) I would imagine the agent is receiving a large chunk of this taxpayer money. County employees should be feeling a little underappreciated about now that their commissioners don't care enough to allow bids from other sources.