

Advisory: Victims' Rights to be Heard and to Obtain Restitution with regard to Debt Collection Fraud Scheme

The following individuals have been charged by the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina for their role in a fraudulent debt collection scheme that operated between October 2013 and January 2017, defrauding potential victims throughout the United States allegedly using fraudulent misrepresentations and threatening and abusive tactics to induce them into paying money they purportedly owed:

JACQUELINE DIANNE OKOMBA

LAURENCE A. SESSUM

These charges are pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina.

The fraudulent debt collection company was known at various times as Direct Processing LLC. The company also utilized the following names in soliciting payment from victims:

Standard Mediation
Process Mediation
Beneficial Mediation
Arbitrary Mediation
Mandatory Arbitration Services
Proven Mediation Services
Dedicated Mediations Group
Alliance Mediation Group
ADR Mediations
Pre-Trial Litigation
OCM (OC Mediations)

Pursuant to the "Justice for All Act of 2004" (18 U.S.C. § 3771), any victim of a criminal defendant's fraudulent acts is entitled to notice of public proceedings and may be entitled to restitution. Victims are also entitled to be reasonably heard in certain public proceedings, including a sentencing hearing. If you believe that you may be a victim, please call 1-844-625-9886 or email USANCW-VM2VW2@usa.doj.gov so that you can be notified of further developments in this case and so that your rights, if any, to restitution can be determined.