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WEST BOYLSTON WOMAN GUILTY OF BANKRUPTCY FRAUD

Worcester, MA... A West Boylston woman was convicted today in federal court of bankruptcy fraud for concealing approximately \$94,500 from creditors.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New England, announced today that CAROL EVANGELISTA, age 46, of 34 Davidson Road, West Boylston, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton to one count of bankruptcy fraud involving the concealment of assets.

At today's plea hearing, the prosecutor told the Court that, had the case proceeded to trial, the Government's evidence would have proven that EVANGELISTA obtained \$110,000 in August 2001 from her ex-husband as part of a divorce settlement, then gave \$94,500 of that to her parents to hold for her. The prosecutor stated that when EVANGELISTA filed for bankruptcy the following month, she did not disclose that she had received \$110,000 from her ex-husband, nor did she disclose the money her parents were holding for her.

Judge Gorton scheduled sentencing for February 12, 2004 at 3:00 pm. EVANGELISTA faces up to 5 years' imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was referred to the U.S. Attorney's Office by the U.S. Trustee's Office in Worcester, and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark J. Balthazard of Sullivan's Economic Crimes Unit.

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