

Mark Bunker Goes Bankrupt

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After tens of thousands of dollars in hand-outs received in endless campaigns to fund a purported movie project and even more given to bail him out of evictions, emergencies and every day life's financial incidentals and hurdles, Mark Bunker filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in a Florida court in February 2018 citing at least two credit card lawsuits and over \$50,000 in consumer debts he'd amassed during the preceding couple years. He claimed he had no securities to cover the debts, no substantial assets and nothing to account for his spending. As with the almost decade's long record of asking others to support him, he was now asking the Court to cover him and erase most of the debt.

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case number (if known) _____ Chapter you are filing under:
 Chapter 7
 Chapter 11
 Chapter 12
 Chapter 13

Check if this an amended filing

**Official Form 101
 Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy**

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself

	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
1. Your full name		
Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver’s license or passport).	Mark First name	First name
Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.	Ray Middle name	Middle name
	Bunker Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

Page 1 of February 28, 2018 Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing, Middle District of Florida.

Debtor 1 **Mark Ray Bunker** Case number (if known) _____

Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes

16. What kind of debts do you have?

16a. **Are your debts primarily consumer debts?** *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as “incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose.”
 No. Go to line 16b.
 Yes. Go to line 17.

16b. **Are your debts primarily business debts?** *Business debts* are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.
 No. Go to line 16c.
 Yes. Go to line 17.

16c. State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts

17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?
 No. I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.
 Yes. I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors?
 No
 Yes

Page 6. Primarily consumer debts, with nothing to help cover them.

In his application, he swore under the penalty of perjury that his statements in the filing were true and correct.

Part 7: Sign Below

For you

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Mark Ray Bunker

Mark Ray Bunker

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on February 28, 2018
MM / DD / YYYY

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Page 6. Sworn oath.

“I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.”

Part 2: Summarize Your Liabilities

	Your liabilities Amount you owe
2. <i>Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property</i> (Official Form 106D) 2a. Copy the total you listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of <i>Schedule D</i> ...	\$ 11,089.00
3. <i>Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims</i> (Official Form 106E/F) 3a. Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 1,145.00
3b. Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 40,802.13
Your total liabilities	\$ 53,036.13

Page 8. Total liabilities.

That application, however, had some questionable answers.

In Part 4 of the filing, Bunker claimed he did not have any other financial assets.

Part 4: Describe Your Financial Assets

Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following?

Current value of the portion you own? Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

26. Patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intellectual property
Examples: Internet domain names, websites, proceeds from royalties and licensing agreements

No

Yes. Give specific information about them...

Such assets would have included, for example, intellectual property. Yet between September 2010 and November 2015, he ran a total of fourteen IndieGoGo fundraisers and one GoFundMe campaign, netting just under \$95,000 to fund a movie project. If that movie was being made, or was about ready to be presented in the spring of 2012 (as he claimed in January 2012) or by May 2016 (as he claimed in November 2015), the product would have been what the industry (and the courts) call “intellectual property”. Otherwise, where did the \$95K go?

“Sources of Income”

On page 34 of the filing, “Sources of Income”, it asks for employment income received in the years 2016 and 2017 as well as any other income received during this time. Bunker replied “No”, stating he hadn’t received anything else.

Part 2 Explain the Sources of Your Income

4. Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?
Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities.
If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

- No
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1		Debtor 2	
Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	\$4,412.51	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business		<input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

From January 1 of current year until
the date you filed for bankruptcy:

Page 34. Wages from January 1, 2018 to February 28, 2018.

	Debtor 1		Debtor 2
	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.
For last calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2017)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$21,847.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2016)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$12,770.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business

5. **Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?**
 Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of *other income* are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- No**
 Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1		Debtor 2	
Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Describe below.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)

Page 35. Wages for 2017 and 2016 and any other income received.

“Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years? –
 ‘No’”

However, during that timeframe, Bunker did receive other income. In 2016 and 2017, he solicited donations through four separate GoFundMe campaigns which netted him \$16,435 (minus fees) in cash gifts. The application noted to “include income regardless of whether that income is taxable” and gave examples of “other income” such as gambling or lottery winnings, pensions, Social Security, etc. It would seem that GoFundMe largesse is not that different than lottery winnings. Why didn’t he report it? And why did he list medical bills in his bankruptcy when he ostensibly collected those from one of his GoFundMe campaigns?

In June, the bankruptcy court discharged the case, thereby erasing most of Bunker’s debt – while the tens of thousands of dollars given to him has evidently vanished.