

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

IN RE:)
)
LARRY W STEELE, SR. and) CASE NO. 08-20762 JPK
LORAIN C STEELE,) Chapter 7
)
Debtors.)

ORDER REGARDING "OBJECTION" TO MOTION

On May 29, 2008, Ford Motor Credit Company LLC filed a Motion to Modify Automatic Stay with respect to a 2000 Ford Ranger motor vehicle. On June 11, 2008, the Clerk docketed as record entry #12, a one-page correspondence signed by both of the debtors which objects to the motion, and states that the reason for the objection "is that our son, Larry W. Steele, Jr. is the one paying this debt. When he filed bankruptcy he had reaffirmed this debt."

The Court first notes that the debtors are proceeding in their Chapter 7 case with representation by an attorney, and that therefore any document which they have filed on their own behalf is not cognizable by the Court: when a debtor is represented by an attorney in a case, that attorney must file any document in the case in relation to the debtors.

The Court next notes that the purpose of the motion is to seek relief from stay and abandonment with respect to any interests which the debtors may have in the subject motor vehicle, and that the stated "objection" has no relevance to the motion. The only objection which the Court will entertain is one which states that the subject of the motion for relief from stay/abandonment is with respect to property which the Trustee may sell in the debtors' Chapter 7 case in order to benefit creditors in that case. Whether or not another party is liable on the debt secured by this vehicle has no bearing on whether or not this vehicle should be retained as property of the debtors' bankruptcy estate.

IT IS ORDERED that any objection stated in the correspondence docketed as record entry #12 is denied, and that relief will be granted to the creditor by separate order.

Dated at Hammond, Indiana on June 25, 2008.

/s/ J. Philip Klingeberger
J. Philip Klingeberger, Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

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