It was the Mobil Oil investigator who told on Frank Abagnale, fledgling con artist. Still believing the charges were legitimate, he asked Frank the elder:

*Have you given any thought to trading that car in on a new one, Mr. Abagnale?*

*Dad was stunned. "Why, I don't even use my Mobil card - my son does," he said when he recovered. "There must be some mistake."*

*The Mobil investigator placed several hundred Mobil charge receipts in front of Dad. Each bore his signature in my hand-writing. "How did he do this? And why?" Dad exclaimed."

*I don't know," replied the Mobil agent. "Why don't we ask him?" (Catch Me, pages 16-17)*

Frank's Dad forgave him and paid the bill. But his mother thought he should suffer some consequence for his abysmal behavior. Frank was sent to a Catholic reform school in Port Chester, New York. While Frank did his time, his father lost his stationery store business. No longer the wheeler-dealer without financial worries, Abagnale, Sr. had a new job:

*You'll learn, Frank, that when you're up there are hundreds of people who'll claim you as a friend. When you're down, you're lucky if one of them will buy you a cup of coffee. If I had it to do over again, I'd select my friends more carefully. I do have a couple of good friends. They're not wealthy, but one of them got me my job in the post office..."

*As long as a man knows what he is and who he is, he'll do all right. (Catch Me, page 19)*

For a long time, the world knew neither what - nor who - Frank Abagnale, Jr. really was. And despite his outward "success," he was NOT doing all right.

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