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U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE WARNS OF JUROR SCAMS

NEW ORLEANS – This Information is intended to inform the public of ongoing juror scams involving individuals claiming to be court or law enforcement officials seeking personally identifiable information (PII) or money from unsuspecting citizens.

Juror scams have been prevalent for years, but variations of the scam have resurfaced within recent weeks. In this particular scam, a caller identifies himself as an officer of the court or a United States Marshal. The individual then informs the unsuspecting victim that he/she failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for his/her arrest. The scammer may claim he'll need some information for "verification purposes," to include PII such as a birth date, social security number, or a credit card number. In this most recent scam, the caller demanded a wire money transfer in lieu of a credit card. The scammer will use the obtained PII to assume the victim's identity, steal funds from the obtained credit/bank accounts or accept the wire money transfer which is not retrievable.

It is important for the public to remember that no legitimate business will require personally identifiable information over the phone nor will the courts ever threaten arrest or require payment of a fine over the phone. More [information about jury duty scams](#) is available on the U.S. Courts website <http://www.laed.uscourts.gov/jury-information/jury-scams>.

To verify if a call or mailing came from the U.S. District Court, please call their office directly at (504) 589-7730 during normal business hours to speak with a member of the Jury Unit.

If you believe that you have been the victim of fraud or have received a scam phone call, phishing e-mail, or fax, contact your local police or sheriff's department, the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (504-816-3000), or the [United States Marshals Service](#) (504-589-6079).