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Dallas County Sheriff's Office Warn Residents of Missed Jury Duty Scam

DALLAS COUNTY – The Dallas County Sheriff's Office would like to warn residents of Dallas County that the Dallas County Sheriff's Office will never call to collect a fine for missed jury duty. Several Dallas County residents have recently fallen victim to this scam.

In Dallas County, citizens especially elderly individuals, are being targeted by phone calls and emails threatening them with prosecution for failing to comply with a jury summons in federal, state, or county courts. These calls and emails are fraudulent and have no connection to Dallas County Courts. Dallas County Sheriff's Office will not call you about outstanding warrants or request payment over the phone.

In these situations, the callers impersonate court officials, Dallas County Sheriff's Deputies, or a local police officer. They pressure recipients to pay a fine or provide confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft and fraud. Dallas County Courts do not require anyone to provide any sensitive information in a telephone call or email. Also, it is a crime for anyone to falsely represent himself or herself as a peace officer or public servant.

Contact between a court and a prospective juror will be through the U.S. mail. Any phone contact by official court representatives, will not include requests for any financial information or payment, social security numbers, credit card numbers, or any other sensitive information.

Jury duty is a vital civic responsibility and should be taken seriously by all citizens, but if you receive a phone call or email and feel it is a scam, you can call 214-653-3593, to speak to someone with Dallas County Jury Services.

Attached is a sample of a scam letter.

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