FRAUD ALERT

Scams Target Potential Jurors

BEWARE OF CALLS AND TEXTS ABOUT MISSING JURY DUTY

I want to warn Volusia County residents about scammers attempting to solicit money or personal information from local residents by claiming they have missed jury duty.

In one scam, a caller falsely identifies herself as a Clerk's Office employee and says the individual has missed jury duty. The caller asks for personal information, such as a Social Security number, to verify if the individual is eligible for a non-existent new jury program.

Another scammer identifies himself as being from the Volusia County D. A.'s Office and involves phone calls or text messages telling recipients that they missed jury duty and now must pay a fine or a warrant would be issued for their arrest. In the past, these calls or texts have come from a 386 area code.

Clerk Employees Do Not Call for Money or Personal Information

It is extremely important to remember that Clerk's Office employees will not call you to request money or your personal information. If you receive one of these calls or texts, make sure to write down as much information as you can about the call, and contact Volusia County Sheriff's Office Dispatch non-emergency number, 386-736-5999, as soon as possible.

Anyone who sent money because of one of these scams also is urged to contact the same number listed above.

For more information about jury duty, please visit our website or call 386-239-7751.

Best regards,

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