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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: Friday, April 7, 2023
TO: Press / Media
FROM: Christina Spurlock, Clerk of Superior Court
RE: Jury Scam Alert

Some scams just don't quit! A long-running scam has reared its head, preying on citizens' fears.

Recently a resident stated that they were contacted by a scammer claiming to be from a local law enforcement agency. The caller claimed that the resident missed jury duty, a warrant was issued, and the resident could be arrested. However, to avoid being arrested, a fine could be paid.

Like most long-running scams, jury duty cons have a few versions, not all asking you for money outright. Sometimes, the jury duty scam may trick you into providing sensitive, personal information used for identity theft. In another version, scammers use email and allegedly attach your "jury summons" to the message. The file is actually malware, and downloading it will infect your computer.

What should you do? www.bbb.org suggests the following:

1. **Be skeptical of any emails or unsolicited calls.**
2. **Call the Court.** Call the appropriate judicial agency if you ever question whether you need to appear in court. For local service in either Superior or Justice Courts, you can reach the *Jury Commissioner's office* at (928) 753-0713.
3. **Ignore calls for immediate action.** Scammers try to get you to act before you think by creating a sense of urgency. Please don't fall for it.
4. **Beware of requests to pay via wire transfer or prepaid debit card** (such as MoneyPak, iTunes, or similar cards). These are almost always a sign of fraud.
5. **Ask someone for help.** BBB's research shows that asking someone else is important in reducing the chance of being scammed. Ask a family member or friend, "Does this sound right?"