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CONSUMER ALERT: Jury Summons Scam

Just hang up if you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be a police officer or sheriff's deputy with an arrest warrant because you didn't show up for jury duty. It's a scam.

This is an old scam that has recently resurfaced with a number of calls from consumers to law enforcement about phone calls they have received threatening their arrest for failing to show up for a jury duty summons they never received.

The caller claims to be with the jury commissioner's office or law enforcement. Sometimes they demand payment in the form of a pre-paid debit card purchased from Wal-Mart, Walgreens, a dollar store or Pay Pal account to resolve the nonexistent arrest warrant. Sometimes they ask for personal identification information, including your birth date, full name and Social Security number, when you say you never received the jury summons. Once they obtain that information, they have stolen your identity and can make unauthorized charges on your credit cards and empty your bank accounts.

Either approach should alert you that this is a scam. **No one from law enforcement or the court will call you and insist that money be sent to avoid immediate arrest.** No one from the court will ever ask you for your Social Security number over the phone or by email. Never give this kind of information out if you did not initiate the phone call.

If you get a call like this, contact local law enforcement or the Judicial Department at 720-625-5000. You also may call the Colorado Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection at 800-222-4444.

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