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WARNING OF JURY SCAM

For the past several years, courts around the country have reported telephone and e-mail scams on the public involving jury and grand jury service. The scams have spread within the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Please be advised that United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina does not solicit credit card or bank account information from any juror. If an individual identifying themselves as a court employee or as a Deputy United States Marshal contacts you requesting such data, please call the Scam Warrant number at 919-835-6192 (also note this article on the USMS web site, it provides guidance on how to report this to the FBI: <https://www.usmarshals.gov/news/press-release/us-marshals-fbi-urge-public-report-phone-scams>).

A caller may indicate that an arrest warrant has been issued or driving privileges have been suspended because the individual missed jury or grand jury duty. In other areas, the caller has claimed that the individual may have committed money laundering or bank fraud. The caller pretends to be a court official, sheriff's deputy, local police officer, or Deputy U.S. Marshal.

The same false accusations are made by email, and may include a fake arrest warrant that displays a logo of the "United States District Court," a case number, and/or various charges. The caller may tell the individual that he or she may avoid arrest or reactivate a driver's license by calling a particular phone number for a "settlement" and wiring money or providing a prepaid card. The caller may even demand that an individual meet them at a courthouse or another location.

A valid arrest warrant from a United States District Court is NOT served by phone, fax machine, or email. A valid arrest warrant is served in person by a United States Marshal or other law enforcement officer.

If you receive such a suspicious telephone call or e-mail, please call the Scam Warrant number at 919-835-6192 (also note this article on the USMS web site, it provides guidance on how to report this to the FBI: <https://www.usmarshals.gov/news/press-release/us-marshals-fbi-urge-public-report-phone-scams>). You may also contact the Clerk's Office at 919-645-1700 and ask to speak to the jury administrator to confirm the authenticity of the demands before sharing personal information or paying money.