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JURY FRAUD SCAMS

The Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gary M. Clemens, cautions Loudoun residents to be aware of a recent jury fraud scam as individuals claiming to be working for the court system have attempted to defraud residents in jury scams. Individuals will call unsuspecting residents and advise them that they failed to report for jury duty and to avoid any penalty from the Circuit Court, the residents can pay a fine over the phone. Currently, no jury trials in 2020 are being conducted as a result of COVID-19. Jury trials will not commence again until January 2021.

No employees in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court will call Loudoun residents to advise them they failed to report for jury duty and can pay a fine over the telephone. Clerk's Office staff will send an official notice for failure to appear in writing and the notice provides instructions on what actions those who neglect to report for jury duty must take. "Any Loudoun resident who receives a call demanding payment over the phone for failing to report for jury duty **should not provide any payment** in this situation." Clemens encourages Loudoun residents to write down the phone number from caller ID and contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office to report this fraud.

Clerk Clemens encourages all residents to be aware of potential fraud scams and seek verification of the information with the appropriate sources before making any payments online or by phone.

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