Cybersecurity Corner

If you miss jury duty there are consequences - fines, court appointments, or even jail time. Unfortunately scammers know this too, and will use this information to try to steal money or personal information. They will call or email you claiming to be a police officer or U.S. Marshal contacting you about an "urgent" matter. They will say you've missed jury duty and will be arrested unless you pay them now. Here's how you know it's a scam:

- No government agency or court will ask you to pay over the phone.
- Only scammers insist that you can only pay with a payment app, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or a wire transfer service (like Western Union or MoneyGram).
- Courts will never ask for your social security number or other sensitive information over the phone.

If you get a call or email like this, don't respond or give them any information. If you think you are actually getting summoned for jury duty check the court's website or call them directly at a number you know is correct.



For more information from the Federal Trade Commission regarding jury duty scams, click below.

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