

Jury Scam Awareness

Common Jury Scam Characteristics

Jury scams often involve one or more of the following tactics:

- A caller claims that the recipient missed jury service or failed to respond to a summons.
- The caller demands immediate payment to avoid arrest, fines, contempt proceedings, or other penalties.
- The caller directs the recipient to pay by prepaid card, wire transfer, mobile payment application, cryptocurrency, or gift card.
- The caller uses spoofed phone numbers, official-sounding titles, or publicly available court information to appear credible.
- The caller pressures the recipient to act immediately and discourages independent verification and may sound intimidating.

Things To Know

- Courts **do not** demand payment by telephone, text message, email, or mobile payment application to resolve jury-related matters.
- Courts **do not** instruct individuals to purchase gift cards, use cryptocurrency, or transmit funds to avoid arrest or penalties for jury service issues.
- Members of the public who receive suspicious communications **should not** provide personal or financial information and should independently contact the court at an official phone number listed on the court's public website.

Recommended Actions

- Please report suspected scams to: the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) Report Fraud [website](#), or your local authorities.
- Additional information about Common Frauds And Scams can be found on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) [website](#).