

PUBLIC NOTICE: Jury Duty Email, Text, and Phone Scam Alert

To the Citizens of Washington, DC,

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia has been made aware of a recent scam regarding individual impersonating court officials. This scam targets citizens via unsolicited and fraudulent emails, text and phone calls.

The fraudulent email instructs the recipient to complete the jury duty form by clicking on a link. These emails may also threaten legal action, fines, or arrest unless immediate payment is made, or personal information is provided.

The phone calls falsely claim the recipient missed jury service and has a warrant for their arrest. It also states that the recipient must withdraw money and report to an unknown location to pay a fine. Additionally, the fraudulent text messages ask citizens to click on a link for a one-time pass code to receive a payment for jury duty.

Please be advised:

- The United States District Court will not send you a summons via text, nor ask you to complete a questionnaire via text. All summonses are sent via postal mail.
- The court will never ask for payment, credit card information, or Social Security numbers via phone, email, or text.
- Do not click any links or download attachments from suspicious emails claiming to be from the court.
- If you receive such a message do not respond or provide any personal information.
- Do not send money or gift cards under any circumstances.
- Report the incident to your local law enforcement agency and the Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>.
- You may also contact the court directly at 202-354-3360 to verify the legitimacy of any jury summons.

SAMPLE OF FRAUDULENT EMAIL

Subject: URGENT: Jury Duty Summons – Immediate Response Required
-ID#50450 - 4/16/2025

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Central Jury Administration Office

Washington, D.C. 20001

OFFICIAL FEDERAL JURY SUMMONS – IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

Pursuant to the Jury Selection and Service Act, Title 28 U.S.C. §§ 1861–1878, you have been selected for mandatory federal jury service. You are legally obligated to comply with this notice.

Failure to respond to this summons may result in legal penalties, including fines up to \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than three days, community service, or a combination thereof (28 U.S.C. § 1866(g)).

Enclosed in the attached document are:

- Juror ID number and reporting details
- Instructions regarding appearance, dress code, and schedule
- Juror questionnaire (mandatory submission)
- Procedures for exemption or postponement (if applicable) You are required to review the enclosed summons and complete the steps outlined no later than **72 hours** from the time of receipt.

This is a legally binding notice issued by the United States District Court. Disregarding this notification constitutes a violation of federal law.

To download your official Jury Summons form and complete the required documentation, please click the button below:

[Download Jury Summons](#)

If you have questions regarding your service or believe this notice has been received in error, you must contact the Jury Office immediately using the contact information found in the attached PDF.

U.S. District Court – Jury Administrator

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CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated outside the Judiciary. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking on links.