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U.S. MARSHALS WARN PUBLIC OF JURY DUTY SCAM

Knoxville, Tenn – The U.S. Marshals Service is alerting the citizens of East Tennessee of a nationwide scam in which callers pose as U.S. marshals or other court officials threatening imminent arrest for not appearing for jury duty.

“U.S. marshals or other federal court employees will never contact someone and demand payment or personal information by phone or email,” stated U.S. Marshal David Jolley.

In the calls and emails, recipients are pressured to provide confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft and fraud. These calls and emails, which threaten recipients with fines and jail time if they do not comply, are fraudulent and are not connected with the U.S. courts.

“While these callers may sound legitimate, we urge people to question the validity of their claims and to never meet with them or provide financial data or information,” stated Marshal Jolley.

If you believe you may be a victim of the jury duty scam, identity theft, or other scheme, you can report the incident to the FTC (<https://www.ftc.gov/>) or file a complaint online with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov.

Useful Things to Remember:

- U.S. marshals will never ask for credit/debit card/gift card numbers, wire transfers, or bank routing numbers for any purpose.
- Do not divulge personal or financial information to unknown callers.
- You can remain anonymous when you report.
- Authenticate the call by calling the agency the caller said the represented.

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