

WARNING REGARDING JURY SCAMS

There are several recent attempts to scam jurors by making false solicitations for money or providing personal identifiers. Please be aware that these potential activities exist and contact the court if you experience these attempts.

Financial Scam

Phone calls are being made from individuals purporting to be employees of a federal court. False callers are stating that individuals failed to report for jury duty and are asking recipients to obtain a pre-loaded debit card in order to “cancel” a warrant for failure to appear for jury duty.

The public should be aware that while the failure to appear for jury duty does potentially subject one to a monetary penalty, the Court will not assess this penalty by phone or require payment in the form of a pre-paid debit card. Rather, a Show Cause hearing would first be scheduled with a personal appearance before the Court.

Personal Identifier Scam

Be advised that there has been a recent rise in inappropriate attempts to obtain personal identifiers by individuals utilizing emails that appear to be connected to jury service in the federal district court. The email purports to come from **eJuror** which is a term used to describe the electronic juror program currently functioning in the district court. However, the emails that are being received by individuals ask for personal identifiers such as social security number, date of birth, mother’s maiden name, etc. The message has an attached form that asks the recipient to fill out the form including these personal identifiers and to email the form back to the original sender of the message. The public should be aware and the court wishes to emphasize that the proper use of **eJuror** never involves a request that personal identification information be sent directly in an email response. Any legitimate request by the court to complete a qualification

questionnaire would be initiated by formal written correspondence and will provide instructions for the juror participant to be authenticated over a secure connection.

If anyone receives communications as described in this warning, please contact the court to advise us of the communication. If the communication comes directly from the court, we can so advise. However, if it is an inappropriate email or phone call, we want to be aware of it so that we can pass it on to the appropriate authorities.

Any questions should be directed to the Clerk of Court.