

## **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 law enforcement if you experience these attempts.

### **Financial Scam**

Phone calls are being made from individuals purporting to be employees of a federal court or federal law enforcement. Some calls include the use of a judge or chief judge's name as well as potential courthouse addresses. False callers are stating that individuals failed to report for jury duty and are asking recipients to pay money in the form of preloaded debit cards, cash, gift cards, or other payments 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 pre-payment to avoid "trouble". Rather, a Show Cause hearing would first be scheduled with a personal appearance before the Court. Fines would not be ordered to be paid via cash, preloaded debit or gift cards.