



NOTICE: BEWARE OF JURY SERVICE SCAMS

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan is alerting the public of an ongoing scam where people have received phone calls, texts, and/or emails from individuals who are fraudulently claiming to represent the Sheriff's Office or the U.S. Marshals Service and falsely stating that a warrant has been issued by Chief Judge Stephen J. Murphy, III for failing to appear for jury service in federal court. These scams are designed to intimidate victims by threatening arrest or legal action unless immediate payment is made or personal information is provided.

These phone calls, texts, and emails are NOT connected with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the U.S. Marshals Service, or other law enforcement agencies.

The Court urges the public to remain cautious, as the scammer may sound convincing and use real information about the victim; real court addresses; and real names of law enforcement officers, court officials, or federal judges to make the scam appear more credible. Scammers may even "spoof" the phone number on caller ID so that the call falsely appears to be from a court number or the number of another government agency.

Members of the public are warned about any request to provide confidential or financial information by sending payment, which may include credit card, debit card, pre-paid gift card, ACH transfer, Venmo, PayPal, or cryptocurrency in response to calls, texts and/or emails.

If you receive a suspicious call:

- Hang up immediately if you suspect the call is a scam
- Do NOT provide any money, gift cards, or other things of value
- Do NOT provide any personal information, including Social Security numbers, credit card or bank account numbers

If you have questions, please contact the Jury Department at (313) 234-5085.

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All posted notices are also available on the Court's public website at www.mied.uscourts.gov.