

## **Press Release**

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## Alaska Court System Warns of Phishing Scam – Court System is Not Calling Demanding Money to Avoid Arrest

Anchorage, Alaska, April 28, 2022 - Currently there is a phishing scam in Alaska that falsely claims that the court is calling Alaskans about their grandchildren or children being placed in jail and that money is needed to release them from jail. Scammers are using family nicknames in some instances to trick individuals into paying money, making the phone number appear to be from a court system number, and impersonating police officers. Individuals receiving these calls should hang up on the scammer and contact their local police department. If you are able to identify the caller's phone number, please provide this information to the police.

The Alaska Court System will not call you to request bail or fine payment over the phone. If you have questions about an individual situation, please contact the relevant <u>Department of Corrections</u> <u>location</u> or call <u>the local courthouse</u>.

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