

## **Press Release**

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## Alaska Court System Warns of Email and Phone Scam

Currently there is an email scam falsely claiming that individuals have court cases or legal issues pending in Alaska. The scam falsely "notifies" individuals that they are scheduled to appear for a court hearing. Anyone receiving a "notice" of this type should not respond and should not open any links in the emails, as the links may contain computer viruses.

Another current scam involves scammers impersonating police officers. They claim a judge has ordered the police to serve an arrest warrant for failure to appear for jury service. They request that individuals purchase green dot money cards and provide the activation code to pay fines to show that they will appear in court and to avoid jail time. Scammers warn that police will be sent to an individual's home if they do not immediately pay.

The Alaska Court system does not attempt to collect money from any person for failing to serve as a juror. Police will not be sent by the court to anyone's home to collect unpaid fines for failing to serve as a juror.

Individuals receiving these calls should contact their local police department. If you are able to identify the caller's phone number provide this information to the police.

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