

Why is this Important?



Reports of jury duty scams are increasing in prevalence nationwide, with many originating from Florida.



Scammers are sending messages out via text, email or phone call, hoping to catch a target in the wide net.



Many cases lead to victims losing thousands of dollars. In one instance, a Miami man lost more than \$4,500.

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Visit MyFloridaLegal.com to find consumer tips or to file a complaint.

Report Jury Duty Scams at
FLClerks.com

Report fraud by calling
1-866-9-NO-SCAM
(1-866-966-7226)

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How a Jury Duty Scam Works

In this scheme, fraudsters call, email or text potential victims impersonating court officials or law enforcement officers.



The scammer will claim a target missed jury duty and may demand urgent action or payment, threatening jail time if refused.



The true intent of the message is to steal a victim's personal and financial information or extort them for money.



Tips to Stay Protected



Understand Court Regulations

Know that courts always send jury summons through the mail and that if a Floridian misses a summons, payment will never be demanded over the phone. Fines will only be imposed for a missed summons after an individual appears in court to explain a failure to attend.



Verify Caller Identity

If a call is received from someone claiming to represent a government agency or court, ask for the caller's name, title and contact information, then hang up. Verify the identity given by searching for the agency's official phone number and contacting the court directly.



Guard Personal Information

Never provide personal or financial information over the phone, via email or text to solicitors.



Be Skeptical of Threats

Remember that legitimate court officials will not threaten to arrest or demand immediate payment over the phone for missing jury duty and payments will never be requested in the form of gift cards or money transfer apps.

What to do if Targeted by a Jury Duty Scammer

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Hang up immediately if a scam is suspected. Do not engage with the caller or provide any personal information.



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Report the scam to the local County Clerk's Office. Find a local office at FLClerks.com.



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If fallen victim, contact a local law enforcement agency and financial institution to report the incident and take steps to protect identity and finances.

