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Court Clerk Warns Residents About Jury Duty Scam

Cleveland County Court Clerk Marylin Williams is urging residents to exercise caution when receiving unsolicited phone calls, emails, letters, or in-person visits threatening financial or legal penalties for alleged failure to comply with jury duty requirements.

The Court Clerk's Office has recently seen an alarming uptick in reports of fraudulent schemes where scammers claim the victim missed jury duty and is now subject to fines or jail time. In at least one reported case in Cleveland County, fraudsters have allegedly gone door-to-door with fake warrants demanding immediate payment by gift card. **This is a scam.**

“While jury duty is a vital civic responsibility and should be taken seriously by all citizens, in my tenure as Court Clerk, no Cleveland County resident has ever been fined or jailed for failing to appear for jury duty,” Williams said.

- Cleveland County courts will never ask for sensitive personal information by phone or email.
- Official court communications, including jury duty notifications, will be sent by U.S. mail and will never request payment.
- If you have questions about a jury summons, contact the Cleveland County Jury Clerk at (405)366-0656.
- If you believe you’ve been a victim of fraud, contact the Oklahoma Attorney General’s Office at (405) 521-2029 or email ConsumerProtection@oag.ok.gov.
- If a fraudster approaches you in person, call 911 immediately. Impersonating a law enforcement officer is a criminal offense.

“These scams often target elderly and vulnerable individuals. With the holidays approaching, I encourage everyone to speak with family and friends about this troubling issue and stay vigilant,” Williams said.