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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOTICE OF JURY DUTY SCAM

This is a joint statement on behalf of Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court Chief Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips, Broward Clerk of Courts Brenda Forman, and the Broward Sheriff's Office about an ongoing jury duty scam that has been once again reported in South Florida. The scam involves attempts to obtain money, threats of fines and even jail time.

Victims of the scam have reported receiving phone calls or other communication from an individual or individuals claiming to be law enforcement and impersonating Circuit Court Judges. The callers threaten the victims that they have missed jury service, Federal or State, and if they do not comply with the caller's requests, they could be fined or face jail time. The bogus caller may demand that you provide your personal or confidential information, which could lead to identity theft or fraud, or ask that you sign on to a Zoom hearing before someone impersonating a Circuit Court Judge. The caller also requests money be deposited for "bail."

Anyone contacting you to demand a fine or threaten jail time is not connected to the Federal or State Court System nor a member of any law enforcement agency. Federal and State courts normally conduct prospective juror business through the United States Postal Service, and any contact by real court officials will not include requests for Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, or any other personally identifiable information.

Members of the public are never contacted initially by email or phone for jury service. Prospective jurors first receive an official court mailing which may direct them to an official website or direct them to call an official juror call in number.

If you have received a phone call or email from someone claiming to be with any law enforcement agency and this person demands that you pay a fine, threatens you with jail time or requests your personal information or credit card number, try to get the caller's number off the caller ID function on your phone and write down any details the bogus caller might provide.

Report any calls or other communication you receive about this scam as follows:

For State jury duty, contact the Broward Sheriff's Office at 954-831-8901

For Federal jury duty, contact the U.S. Marshal's Office at 954-356-7256