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FBI warns about scammers calling about jury duty

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ST. LOUIS • The FBI in St. Louis is warning of a telephone scam dealing with jury duty.

Callers have claimed to be a law enforcement officer or court official. They have asked people for social security numbers to verify the jury duty that was neglected. They have asked for bank account or credit card information to pay a fine.

"All scams contain an element of urgency to get the victim to act immediately," William P. Woods said in a news release. Woods is special agent in charge of the FBI St. Louis office.

Federal courts don't require people to give sensitive information over the phone or by email. Most contact between a federal court and a prospective juror will be through the U.S. mail, the FBI says. Real court officials who might call won't ask for personal information.

Officials say anyone who gets a suspicious call should write down the phone number from caller ID and call the FBI at 314-589-2500.



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