

FRAUD ALERT!

Jury Duty Scam Alert – Never provide personal info over the phone!

This is an alert to inform you about a scam that is spreading fast –please be prepared if you receive this fraudulent phone call.

Most people take summons for jury duty seriously, but since enough people ignore their civic duty, a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced.

In this con, someone calls pretending to be a court official who threateningly says a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security Number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Sometimes they even ask for credit card numbers. This scam could lead to identity theft or financial fraud.

The Bucks County Crimes Against Older Adults Task Force urge seniors to safeguard their personal information.

- Never give out checking account information, Social Security numbers or any other personal identifying information to strangers who call you at home or contact you by letter or over the internet.

The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois, and Colorado. This scam is particularly harmful because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system. The FBI and the Federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

For more information or to report a scam contact any one of the Task Force members:

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