



## **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **JURY SERVICE SCAM**

Scammers posing as federal agents or local law enforcement are contacting New Hampshire residents by telephone, text or email and are presenting them with fake arrest warrants. This is called a warrant scam. The scammers will tell you that the only way you can resolve the warrant is by making a payment in the form of cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or peer-to-peer payment (P2P). You might even be sent a text that includes fake documents asking you to scan a QR code. Some citizens have been instructed to meet in person at a sheriff's department parking lot to present payment.

To add legitimacy, scammers will list a specific crime committed. In two recent incidents, New Hampshire residents were told an arrest warrant was issued for failure to show up for jury duty, and both times the scammers posed as a member of a sheriff's department.

If you receive this type of call involving federal jury service, it is NOT a legitimate inquiry. The federal court would NEVER attempt to collect a fine of any sort in this manner. Do not be fooled even if the person seems to have specific knowledge of you, such as your address or other personal information. If you receive a communication like this regarding federal jury service, do not respond or provide any payment information or other personal information. Contact your local police department and notify the federal court jury clerk at 603-225-1423. Lastly, NEVER scan a suspicious QR code. Doing so may allow hackers to access personal information, account numbers, contacts, or other information stored on your cell phone.

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Clerk of Court