



# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Be Alert to Jury Scam in Central New York Region**

**SYRACUSE, NEW YORK** — Scammers often try to fool the public with fraudulent letters, emails or phone calls that appear to be from the New York State court system. It has recently come to the attention of the New York State court system's Fifth Judicial District (Central New York region) that scammers are fraudulently using the name or title of a judge, clerk or other court employee.

In the most recent scam, someone claiming to be from the courts and/or a law enforcement organization calls residents in the Fifth Judicial District stating that the call recipient has failed to appear for jury duty and must pay a fine or be arrested. The caller requests payment over the phone, by wire service or with cash delivered to a specific address.

The New York State court system NEVER asks for financial or family information from members of the public by phone or email. DO NOT give this type of information to anyone claiming to represent the courts, and please report all suspicious jury related communication to your local Commissioner of Jurors Office.

For more information on fraudulent jury schemes, you may visit [www.nyjuror.gov](http://www.nyjuror.gov) under "Be Alert To Scams."

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