

JURY PHONE SCAM

There is a current jury phone scam in which Delaware citizens receive a phone call from a live person claiming to be calling from a court threatening to arrest the citizen for missing jury duty unless the person brings two 7-11 vouchers [Money Pak] in the amount of \$494.00 each, to a specific location.

People have reported being told that there was a warrant for the person's arrest for failure to appear for jury duty. In order to avoid arrest, the person is instructed to obtain two vouchers purchased at a 7-11 convenience store and bring the vouchers along with the person's license to the Leonard L. Williams Courthouse at 500 King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The person was instructed to remain on the line and threatened if the person hung up that it would be considered ignoring a court or police order and that the police would be dispatched immediately.

The scam also includes someone who refers to themselves as a Major Paul Stevens, and the Honorable Evelyn _____, who were both on the line. The person is instructed to call back a number immediately or police will be dispatched immediately, in this instance (302) 417-3770 was the phone number to call back. The person is told to appear at the Leonard L. Williams Courthouse within an hour with the two vouchers or the person will be arrested. The person is told that once the person's name was cleared, the person will be reimbursed with a check.

Delaware Superior Court always notifies Delawareans regarding jury duty about their obligation to serve jury duty by mail; **never by telephone.**

If you do receive a call about jury duty, you can check to see if you have been summoned by calling Delaware Superior Court Jury Services at:

- [302-255-0800](tel:302-255-0800) for New Castle County,
- [302-735-1901](tel:302-735-1901) for Kent County
- [302-855-7055](tel:302-855-7055) for Sussex County