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### **'Jury Duty' Scams Lead to Reminder from LCSO & Clerk of the Circuit Court**

**Loudoun County, VA (September 9, 2021)**- The Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gary M. Clemens, and Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman caution Loudoun residents to be aware of a recent jury fraud scam.

Several residents reported receiving a telephone call from a person claiming to be a deputy with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office claiming to have an arrest warrant for failure to appear for jury duty. These individuals who are not law enforcement nor court employees claim these potential fraud victims can pay fines to avoid arrest.

According to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, under no circumstance would a law enforcement official in Virginia be permitted to collect fines of this nature. Any failure to report for jury duty will result in an official written notice from the Circuit Court that provides detailed instructions on what actions those who neglect to report for jury duty must take. "Any Loudoun resident who receives a call demanding payment over the phone for failing to report for jury duty **should not provide any payment** in this situation," stated Gary Clemens. Clerk Clemens encourages Loudoun residents to write down the phone number from caller ID and contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office to report this fraud.

Sheriff Chapman encourages all residents to be aware of potential fraud scams and seek verification of the information with the appropriate sources before making any payments online or by phone. "These individuals are becoming very creative in their attempts to defraud people and using the threat of arrest for failure to make a court appearance is deplorable," added Sheriff Chapman.

If you are a resident of Loudoun County and believe you were a victim of this scam or of a similar scam, please contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's at 703-777-1021 or file a report online at <http://sheriff.loudoun.gov/reportonline>.