

Fraud Alerts: Phone, Text, and Email Scams

Please beware of telephone, text, and email scams involving persons impersonating law enforcement officials, court officials, or U.S. Marshals.

- The originators seek to collect a fine for traffic violations, failure to report for jury duty or may otherwise pressure you to provide sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, or other personal information.
- Some messages may even threaten arrest, cite an arrest warrant, traffic citation, or case number. They may use false identifiers such as badge numbers, judges' names, or specific court information such as street addresses, false websites, and email boxes to appear legitimate. They may threaten restriction on driving or vehicle registration privileges and debt collection proceedings.
- Some email messages appear to contain fake Notices of Electronic Filing (NEFs). These messages are being sent to attorneys and law firms across the country. Validate case and case documentation through CM/ECF only.

These calls, texts, and emails are fraudulent and not connected in any way to the United States District Court.

DO NOT DOWNLOAD OR CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS OR LINKS OR DIVULGE PERSONAL INFORMATION OR PROVIDE PAYMENT IN ANY FORM.

PLEASE NOTE: Federal courts do not require anyone to provide any personal information or payment over the phone, via text or email. Please use caution and promptly report the incident to your local law enforcement agency, the local FBI office, or the district U.S. Marshals office. You may also report scams and suspicious communications to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/?orgcode=CTDCT>.

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's Office: (203)773-2140.

