

For Immediate Release

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

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## U.S. DISTRICT COURT WARNS OF SCAM

*Scammers pose as court employees and request personal information*

### PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis, Indiana – January 14, 2020: The United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana has been informed that scammers are calling individuals with cases pending before the court, posing as court staff, and requesting that the victim provide his or her Social Security number.

**In no instance will a court official or other government employee contact someone and demand personal information or payment by phone or email.**

Residents of the Southern District of Indiana who believe they have been the victim of this scam are encouraged to report the incident to the District Court Clerk's Office at 317-229-3700 and the Federal Trade Commission at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>.

Here is additional information on things to remember, who to call, and what to do if you are contacted by a scammer:

- A court will never ask for a Social Security number, credit/debit card number, wire transfers, or bank routing numbers over the phone for any purpose.
- You can authenticate a call by contacting the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court in Indianapolis at (317) 229-3700 to verify that the scam call did not come from the court.
- A prospective juror who disregards a summons will be contacted by the District Court Clerk's Office by mail and may, in certain circumstances, be ordered to appear before a judge.
- A fine will never be imposed until after an individual has appeared in court and been given the opportunity to explain a failure to appear.
- Do not divulge personal information or financial information to unknown callers.
- You can remain anonymous when you report.