

CLERK ALERT:

Beware of Jury Scam



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Callers Attempt to Solicit Personal Information in Possible ID Theft Scheme

As your Clerk & Comptroller, I urge you to beware of scammers attempting to solicit personal information from potential jurors. In the scam, a caller falsely identifies herself as a clerk employee and says the individual has missed jury duty. The caller asks for personal information, such as a Social Security number, to verify if the individual is eligible for a non-existent new jury program.

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It is critical that our citizens understand that they will never receive an unsolicited call from the Clerk's Jury Office about jury duty and my staff never asks for a juror's Social Security number.

The fraudulent calls are similar to ones reported by this office in 2007. Previous scams included callers attempting to collect fines for missing jury duty and callers requesting personal information after falsely claiming an arrest warrant had been issued for missing jury duty. None of those calls were legitimate, as the Clerk's office does not issue warrants or solicit fines by phone for missing jury duty.

Victims of such a scam should contact their local law enforcement agency. Helpful information about jury service in Palm Beach County is available on the Jury section of the Clerk's Web site at www.mypalmbeachclerk.com or by calling (561) 355-2930.

As your Clerk, it is my duty to not only protect public funds and records, but to also protect unsuspecting citizens from unscrupulous individuals. Please heed this warning and avoid becoming the next victim.

Best regards,

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Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County

Don't Become a Victim

- You will never receive an unsolicited call from the Clerk's Jury Office about jury duty.
- Our staff will never ask for a juror's Social Security number.