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Jury Duty Scam Alert

Location of Incident: Yuma County

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office and the Yuma County Superior Court would like to inform the public of ongoing government imposters and fraudulent schemes involving missed Jury Duty.

Scammers are impersonating court officials and law enforcement personnel through phone calls, emails and text messages to claim a warrant has been issued for your arrest for failure to report for jury duty. These scammers are using a technique called "spoofing" to make their calls appear to come from the Sheriff's Office and will use employee names to impersonate law enforcement officers.

Victims are then offered a choice to either pay the warrant or have an officer sent over to arrest them. The scammer then demands that the fine be paid by money transfer, gift card, or bitcoin.

IMPORTANT: Neither the court nor the Sheriff's Office will EVER call you to demand payment or sensitive information over the phone for missed jury duty.

What to Do If You're Contacted:

- Stay Calm: Don't let threats scare you into acting quickly.
- Verify the Claim: Contact your local court or law enforcement agency directly using official phone numbers—not the ones provided by the caller or message.
- Hang Up: If the caller pressures you for payment or personal information, end the conversation immediately.
- Report the Scam: Contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or file a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at www.ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Please advise family members that if they are contacted for a threat of arrest for failure to pay, to hang up and contact law enforcement.

To verify your jury service status, please call the Jury Office at (928) 817-4210. You may also email the Superior Court Clerk's Office at yumaclerkinfo@courts.az.gov or lfazz@courts.az.gov. For more information on Yuma County jury services please visit: <https://www.yumacountyaz.gov/government/courts/clerk-of-superior-court/jury-duty-3866>.

Court Administration may be reached at (928) 817-4057; (928) 817-4088; or (928) 817-4090.

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