## Attorney General Moody's Week in Review - June 23, 2023



This week, I issued a Consumer Alert warning Floridians about a rising trend in jury duty scams.

In these scams, an imposter will call a target claiming that they missed jury duty and will be arrested if they do not pay a fine immediately.

Potential victims can be understandably alarmed by the threat of legal consequences because the scammer may be very convincing.

To avoid jury duty scams, Floridians should know that:

- A jury duty summons will never be delivered over the phone; it will always come via mail;
- Court officials will not demand payment over the phone, nor ask that payment be wired or made through a gift card;
- Personal or financial information should never be given to strangers, especially over the phone; and
- Caller IDs may be spoofed appearing to come from a law enforcement agency or other government entity. Be cautious of caller ID—even if it looks like a real source.

If there is a valid jury duty issue, contact a local court clerk's office directly using the <u>Florida</u> <u>Clerks website</u>. Suspected jury duty scams should also be reported to law enforcement.

Anyone who may encounter an imposter trying to orchestrate a jury duty scam can also file a complaint with my office online at MyFloridaLegal.com or by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM.

By staying ahead of fraudsters and reporting scams, you can avoid falling prey and help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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