

Weld County District Attorney's Office Nineteenth Judicial District

# **Fraud Alert!** <u>BEWARE OF JURY DUTY SCAM!</u>

### COLORADO IS ONE OF SEVERAL STATES ALERTED TO A PHONE SCAM THAT IS AIMED AT STEALING YOUR IDENTITY.

## Weld County District Attorney Kenneth R. Buck would like you to take note of the following information so that you aren't the next victim.

Colorado law enforcement agencies have noticed an increase of reported jury duty scams perpetrated over the phone. Although phone scams are not new, this particular scam uses the intimidation of an arrest warrant to get you to reveal your personal information.

#### Here is how the scam works:

• Someone, who claims to work for the local Courts, calls saying you have failed to report for jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for your arrest.

• You protest and explain you never received a summons for jury duty.

• The scammer then offers to work with you to cancel the arrest warrant, but only if you provide confidential information for "verification" purposes. This information includes your social security number, birth date and sometimes credit card accounts.

If you provide this information, the scammer has all they need to steal your identity.

#### What you need to know:

• Court workers **will not** telephone you to say that you've missed jury duty or call to tell you that you are being pre-screened to serve on a jury.

• Never give out bank account, social security, or credit card numbers over the phone if you didn't initiate the call.

• If someone calls to "verify" your personal information, **have them read** that information **to you from their notes first** to which you to confirm or deny (*do not provide the information to them for confirmation*).

• As always, carefully examine your credit card and bank statements as often as you can, and immediately challenge items you did not approve.

If you have any questions, please call us at 970-356-4010 ext. 4702.

#### Contact your local police agency if you think you are a victim of a crime. To contact the Weld County District Attorney's Office, call (970) 356-4010 ext. 4722.

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