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**Marion County residents should be cautious regarding juror scams**

*Phone calls & emails may prompt for sensitive information & fraudulent payments*

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced today that Marion County residents should exercise caution due to a recent rise in reported juror scams. Juror scams are intended to potentially gain access to sensitive and personal information such as one's Social Security number, banking information, etc.

It should be emphasized that no potential juror will be charged with any crime in the event that they miss their scheduled duty. Additionally, potential jurors will be contacted via U.S. postal mail rather than telephone or email. Attempts to obtain personal information via telephone or email are to be assumed as fraudulent. Telephone or email contact from a court will not prompt for personal information.

"Juror scams are one way that criminals attempt to take advantage of residents concerned with performing a civic duty," Prosecutor Mears stated. "The Prosecutor's Office urges individuals to be cautious and report any potential scams in order to prevent them from harming others."

Individuals who believe they have received a fraudulent phone call regarding Marion County jury or grand jury duty are encouraged to contact the Marion County Prosecutor's Office at (317) 327-5600.