

June 20, 2016 Jury Scam

The District of Idaho has been alerted to two jury scams regarding phone messages from individuals impersonating federal officials and demanding payment of fines via cash cards. If you receive a phone call from one of these individuals, please contact the Federal Jury Administrator directly at (208) 334-1493 or (800) 448-6172 with any questions or concerns. These matters are immediately referred to the U.S. Marshals Service.

Scam #1:

Scammer is posing as a US Marshal and providing the name Lt. James McBride. A direct dial phone of (208) 431-5229 and US Marshal number of (866) 930-9111 are provided. Caller alleges that victim has a temporary bench warrant for failure to report for Grand Jury service in May 2016, which was reported by a "Ms. Stevens" at the "US Jury Administration". Victim is directed to go to Rite Aid and purchase three \$500 cash cards and to not alert any Rite Aid employees as to the purpose of the purchase of the cards. Upon questioning by victim, scammer was unable to provide any specific case information related to the purported fines.

Scam #2:

Scammer is posing as an employee of the "Boise, Idaho United States Federal Administration Office" and is providing the name Mr. Nelson. A phone number of (208) 352-7277 x 30 is provided. Caller is able to confirm correct address of victim and alleges victim missed jury service in May 2016. Victim is threatened with arrest if call is not returned.

It is a crime for an individual to falsely represent himself or herself as a federal official or Deputy United States Marshal. Accordingly, this scam and any similar fraudulent conduct will be investigated by the U.S. Marshals Service, in partnership with the FBI.