



# SCAM ALERT

## Scam: Jury Duty Scheme

### Target: All Seniors

Scam artists impersonating San Bernardino County Superior Court (Court) personnel may telephone you and pretend to be calling about past or future jury duty service. The caller may claim that you failed to appear and request that you verify information such as your social security and driver license numbers or other personal information. If you refuse, they may threaten you with a bench warrant. *The Court will never call you regarding jury duty.* The Court communicates via the United States Postal Service (USPS).

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Better Business Bureau (BBB), the Court, and numerous citizen watch groups across our nation have observed and reported on the dangers of this scam since 2001. ***Do not be caught off guard!***

For several years, information thieves have attempted this scam. The con artist may also say that money is owed to you from previous jury duty service and request your bank account information to complete the deposit. ***This is a scam!*** Some questions may seem innocent. ***They are not!***

**Scam artists posing as Court personnel may attempt to obtain your personal information!**

The Court, the FTC, and the BBB recommend the following to help reduce identity theft and avoid this type of scam when anyone asks for your information on the telephone:

-  Do not let a voice on the telephone intimidate you! ***Just hang up!***
-  If someone threatens you, call your local law enforcement.
-  Never acknowledge or provide any personal information to a caller. This includes legal name, Social Security Number (SSN), driver license or identification card number, birth place, birth date, credit card or bank account numbers.
-  You may always call San Bernardino County Jury Administration at 909-884-1858 to check your jury summons status or visit the Court's official website: [www.sb-court.org](http://www.sb-court.org) and click on Jury Information.

**Remember:** Always protect your personal information!

**If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.**