16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MISSOURI

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Court warns of jury service scam

Individuals in Jackson County, Missouri, are receiving telephone calls, e-mails and text messages threatening arrest and fines for allegedly missing jury duty. This is a scam by individuals attempting to obtain confidential information.

The 16th Judicial Circuit's initial contact with a potential juror is the mailing of a summons via postal service. The summons will direct the potential juror to a secure on-line portal to answer qualification questions. If follow-up communication is necessary, the jury office will communicate with the potential juror using the method of communication provided in the on-line jury portal.

Any communication threatening a potential juror with jail time or a fine is a scam and is in no way connected with the 16th Judicial Circuit.

If you have any questions regarding jury service, please contact our jury office at (816) 881-3602.

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