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EMAIL AND TELEPHONE SCAM MAKING THE ROUNDS NATIONALLY; HAS REACHED ARKANSAS

The Supreme Court has been notified that residents of other states have begun to receive email messages from someone purporting to be an Arkansas court official. The message includes a link for more information about the recipient's complaint, which of course does not exist.

The scam varies by state. In Arizona, residents are being contacted by phone and told warrants for their arrest have been issued for failure to appear for jury duty. But, for \$2,000, they will not be arrested. This scam claims to be by the district attorney's office and judges.

An email scam in Georgia, among other southern states, claims that the recipient's "illegal software use" requires them to appear in court. The emails contain links or attachments, which contain viruses. In Louisiana, these emails have impersonated the domain names of well-known law firms. That state's attorney general has launched an investigation.

The public should be advised that Arkansas courts' employees do not communicate in this manner. If anyone receives *any* suspicious communication, do not open any attachments, click on links, or provide money via any method. *Never* provide personal information to anyone you do not know. If you are a juror or involved in an ongoing case, please confirm with the court or clerk if you receive unusual communications.

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