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## **U.S. MARSHALS ALERT PUBLIC TO NEW TWIST ON JURY DUTY SCAM**

Phoenix, Ariz- In June 2015, numerous valley residents were contacted by unknown callers claiming to be representatives of the U.S. Marshals Service, stating that the recipient of the call failed to report for jury duty. At that time, the callers were threatening arrest, fines and/or jail time if citizens did not comply by providing personally identifiable and/or credit card information. Additionally, the callers were asking numerous victims to use money wire services to satisfy fines associated with failing to report for jury duty.

New reports have been received indicating that individuals have begun these fraudulent attempts again. Once again, these imposters are posing as representatives of the U.S. Marshals Service, but in this scam the callers are asking call recipients to meet them at specific locations, to sign “affidavits”. These callers are claiming that if this is not done, someone may show up at the victim’s home.

The U.S. Marshals Service and U.S. District Court want to remind the public of this scam and assure the community that sensitive information is not required to be provided over the phone or in person through any arranged meetings. Additionally, those responsible for making contact with potential jurors would not request personally identifiable information such as Social Security numbers or credit card information and would not request the use of money wire services. Furthermore, representatives of the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. District Court will not require any individual to meet them at a designated location to sign any paperwork regarding jury duty attendance.

If this type of fraudulent communication is received, the U.S. Marshals Service strongly advises citizens to not provide any personally identifiable information over the phone or agree to meet anyone to sign documents related to their failure to appear for jury duty. Should an individual receive such a call or feel that they have been a victim of this scam, please contact the U.S. Marshals Service immediately at (602) 382-8767.

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