

# Thurston County scammers fraudulently demand fines for missed jury duty

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Thurston County Superior Court officials are warning citizens to ignore a phone scam where callers are fraudulently demanding a \$400 fine after alleging that the target has missed jury duty.

Thurston County Jury Administrator David Sharpsteen noted Monday that the court does not contact people by telephone to threaten them with an arrest warrant for missing jury duty.

Sharpsteen said one Thurston County resident was recently scammed out of \$1,000 by a caller who demanded a fine for missing jury duty. The fraudulent caller has identified himself as a sergeant with the sheriff's office in calling residents, he added.

Anyone who suspects a fraudulent phone call should contact the Thurston County Sheriff's Office at 360-786-5500 and make a report.

A web site for U.S. District Court indicates that similar phone scams have been circulating nationwide.

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