

April 17, 2015

Dear Court Management Council (CMC) members,

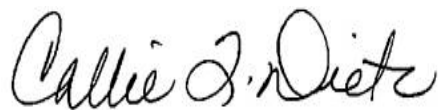
Attached is information about the recurring jury duty scam in Washington State. Please consider distributing this information to courts and county offices and your association conferences and meetings. If possible, please distribute this information by June 1.

We would like the poster widely distributed and posted to reach as many Washington residents as possible.

This packet includes the CMC work plan, a color copy of the poster, a list of suggested locations for distributing the poster, a list of counties where residents have received scam e-mails or calls, articles on specific incidents, and a letter to the editor template. The poster has also been sent as a separate PDF so it can be printed in different sizes. The letter to the editor template is attached as a Word document for easy editing.

Thank you for your assistance on this valuable project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Callie T. Dietz". The script is fluid and cursive.

Callie T. Dietz  
Court Management Council Co-Chair  
State Court Administrator

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonja Kraski". The script is fluid and cursive.

Sonja Kraski  
Court Management Council Co-Chair  
Snohomish County Clerk



## Jury Duty Scam Communications Work Plan

### **Mission Statement**

Develop informational poster and supporting materials to inform the public about ongoing jury scams occurring throughout Washington.

### **Key Messages**

- Law enforcement or court officers will never solicit any kind of payment over the phone or via email.
- Law enforcement or court officers will never ask you to provide your social security or credit card number over the phone or by email.
- If you receive a suspicious phone call, hang up immediately and contact your local law enforcement agency.

### **Secondary Messages**

- You will receive a warrant in person if you have failed to report for jury duty. Not by phone or email.
- You will be given an opportunity to appear before a judge before you are imposed with a fine for missing jury duty.
- To be determined.

### **Target Audience**

- Senior citizens [Most targeted demographic for phone scams]
- General public of voting age

### **Deliverables**

- Informational poster
- Web banner
- Graphic to support social media postings

### **Timeline**

Information should be distributed to CMC members by May 1, 2015, and to the public, courts, county offices, and association members by June 1, 2015.

### **Task List**

- Determine roll-out schedule.
- Fine-tune and develop key and secondary messaging.
- Determine locations and logistics for hanging posters.
- Develop and schedule social media announcements.
- Gather print specifications.

# PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST JURY DUTY SCAMS

## DID YOU KNOW?

Court officers will never ask for payment, a credit card or social security number for failure to appear for jury duty. Report suspicious activity immediately to your local law enforcement agency.



## DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION BY PHONE OR EMAIL

### **Suggested distribution locations for the Jury Duty Scam Poster:**

- Banks/Credit Unions.
  - Find your local bank or credit union at the links below, and contact them to ask about their policy on posting consumer information.
    - Banks <http://www.dfi.wa.gov/banks/who-we-regulate>
    - Credit Unions <http://www.dfi.wa.gov/credit-unions/who-we-regulate>
- Churches
- Grocery stores
- Law enforcement
  - Sheriff precincts
  - City police departments
- Libraries
- Post offices
- Senior Centers (links w/list of senior centers in WA State:  
[http://www.carewashington.org/list11\\_wa\\_senior\\_centers.htm](http://www.carewashington.org/list11_wa_senior_centers.htm) and  
<http://www.wsasc.org/senior-centers>
- County Auditor's office
- Food banks
- Public health/community clinics
- NWJP/OCLA-related legal services clinics
- Busses
- Universities/Community Colleges
- Places where people can make utility payments without paying postage or buy a bus pass
- DSHS offices, places where people would apply for food stamps
- Courthouses



## State of Washington

08/08/2014 | Press release

### Beware of 'jury duty' phone scam

distributed by noodles on 08/09/2014 02:14

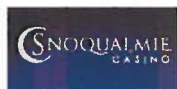
Here's an alert from our Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors (SHIBA) about a recent phone scam:

People claiming to be law enforcement officials have been calling residents in the Spokane area recently, demanding money to stay out of jail for missing jury duty. Spokane police say the scam involves callers telling people they missed jury duty and have a bench warrant for their arrest. The scammer then asks for money over the phone.

Police advise the public that police officers never call people, whether they have an arrest warrant or not, to request payment. If you receive such a call, hang up and call your local police department to report the incident.

SHIBA provides free, unbiased and confidential assistance with Medicare and health care choices. Read more at <http://bit.ly/SHIBA>

Smartlinks | [State of Washington](#) | [Local Administration](#) | [Local News](#) | [Politics and Policy](#) | [Crime](#) | [Crime, Law and Justice](#) | [Laws](#) | [Federal States and Territories](#)

[Subscribe](#) [Green Editions](#) [Contact Us](#)


# BREMERTON PATRIOT



[NEWS](#) [CALENDAR](#) [BLOGS](#) [SPORTS](#) [ENTERTAINMENT](#) [BUSINESS](#) [LIFESTYLES](#) [COMMUNITY](#) [OPINION](#) [ABOUT US](#)  
[CLASSIFIEDS](#) [COUPONS](#) [LOCAL SAVINGS](#) [GREEN EDITIONS](#) [LEGAL NOTICES](#) [WEEKLY ADS](#)

**ARNOLD'S**  
HOME FURNISHINGS

Complimentary Design Services  
to help you achieve  
a look that's uniquely you.

View our  
Green Edition  
today!

[Connect with Us](#)

## NEWS

### Beware of jury duty scam by phone

0

 Like 3 8+1 0 Tweet 0 Share 0

Mar 3, 2014 at 3:44PM

The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the office of the Kitsap County Clerk, is issuing an advisory to warn county residents of an ongoing scam that has restarted claiming victims recently in the West Sound area.

The clerk's office has received information that a person purporting to be a representative of the sheriff's office has been telephoning county residents to inform them that they have failed to appear for jury service and that a warrant will be (or has been) issued for their arrest.

Typically, the person receiving the call replies that they've not received any notice concerning jury duty service. The caller then informs the victim that they are still responsible for not appearing for jury duty as instructed. The caller further advises that to avoid arrest, they must pay a sum of money by credit card in order for the warrant to be "lifted" or "quashed."

One resident recently was convinced by this type of call and paid out \$1,000.

In simplest terms, this is a scam. Do not become a victim. In reality:

- The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office has no role in jury administration. Court services and jury administration are under the sole purview of the county clerk.
- All communications regarding jury duty are sent to county residents in writing.
- Neither the sheriff's office nor the county clerk's office (or any department of county government) will initiate telephone communication with residents about jury duty, nor threaten anyone about missing jury duty. Warrants of arrest are not issued for failure to appear for jury duty service.
- Questions about jury service should be addressed to the Office of the Kitsap County Clerk, jury administration, at: (360) 337-7166, #6.

This scam was prevalent in the region last summer. For additional information:  
[http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2006/june/jury\\_scam060206](http://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2006/june/jury_scam060206)

#### Related Stories



#### Read the Apr 3 Green Edition

Browse the print edition page by page, including stories and ads.

[Browse the archives.](#)

**FRONT STREET CLINIC**  
Therapy for individuals, couples, & families.  
Appointments available at office locations in Poulsbo, Bainbridge Island, Port Orchard and Seattle.  
Contact our office today to learn more about our clinic.  
**(360) 697-1141**  
[Click here for more information](#)

**Railroad Ties \$14.95 #1 Grade**  
Buy 50 or more \$14.50  
**Treated Guardrails \$9.95 8x8x54**  
**KITSAP LUMBER True Value HARDWARE**

**Railroad Ties \$14.95 #1 Grade**  
Buy 50 or more \$14.50  
**Treated Guardrails \$9.95 8x8x54**  
**KITSAP LUMBER True Value HARDWARE**

## Federal Way police warn residents of reported jury duty scam



Federal Way Police Department — Image Credit: Contributed Photo

1

Like 34 8+1 0 Tweet 7 Share 0

by SARAH KEHOE, Federal Way Mirror Reporter  
Jan 14, 2015 at 4:00AM

The Federal Way Police Department has received at least a dozen calls from residents since December 2014, reporting a similar scam.

The caller, who claims to be with the King County Sheriff's Office or local police department, has been telling citizens that they were summoned to jury duty but failed to appear and therefore have been fined. The caller also tells victims a warrant would be issued for their arrest if the fine is not paid.

The amount of the fine has varied between reports. The caller will then instruct the victim to purchase prepaid reload cards at a grocery store, then request a call back once they are in hand, said Cathy Schrock, police spokeswoman.

In some cases, the scammer told victims the King County Sheriff's Office will come pick up the card at their residence. When the victim returns the call, the caller says, "Oh, we are very busy and will not make it to the house, please provide the PIN on the back of the card," Schrock said.

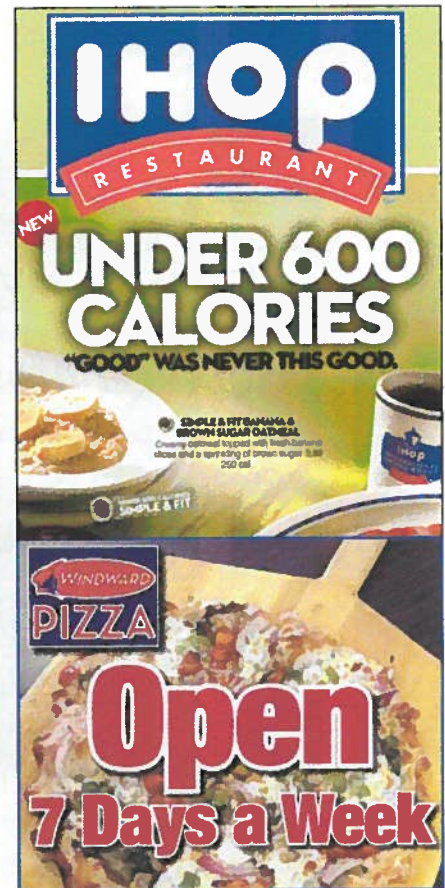
"The callers are very convincing and can be intimidating to individuals," she said.

The police department posted a warning on their Facebook page.

"When these people are told they are speaking to a deputy or sergeant, they get scared and tend to respond," Schrock said. "They have a longstanding respect for government officials and don't question the call as much as they might if the scammer identified themselves in a different way."

She mentioned the elderly are the most targeted demographic for phone scams.

"They aren't tied into the same amount of social media the younger generations are so there is no check-in balance in front of them all the time," she said. "They also aren't as technical-savvy, so can't look things up to verify as quickly."





Washington State Courts posted a similar warning on their website last January. The courts said fraudulent email was being widely distributed around the United States with the subject line "Urgent court notice NR#73230" (or another random number), claiming the receiver is scheduled to appear in "the court of Washington" on Jan. 17. The receiver was then instructed to open the attached court notice and read it thoroughly and is warned about not appearing. This was a malware email and downloaded a virus to the computer if anyone opened the attachment, according to the court report.

Schrock said some who call in regarding a fraudulent situation never file a police report.

"These types of scams usually go unreported," she said.

A Federal Way resident did report a jury duty scam she received on Jan. 8. According to the police report, the woman received a call from a male claiming to be Deputy Greg Allen with the King County Sheriff's Office. The male told the victim she owed \$5,200 in fines for missing "grand jury duty" and instructed her to send him money via the Internet within two hours or police would come to her house and arrest her.

The woman called 911 to report the phone call and shortly after, the male called back. When she told him she had called police, he called her a "scum" and hung up on her. Police tried to call the suspect's number, but no one answered. They found no record of the number online, according to the police report.

Schrock said another victim was at a bank attempting to get money to the person who called her when she was informed by a teller this was most likely a scam.

"Oftentimes, this has happened in other cases," Schrock said. "People working at money order windows are generally not afraid to tell the requester when they believe a scam is occurring."

She said if residents receive a call that is suspicious, or they believe may be a scam, they should hang up the phone or ask the caller a number of questions such as, "what is your name?" and "what agency did you say you are calling from?"

Victims should then call the police non-emergency number at 253-835-2121 with information regarding the details of the call to report to police.

"No one from the Federal Way Police Department, King County Sheriff's Office, or court would call and ask for payment of any kind over the phone," Schrock said. "Anyone who does not respond to a jury summons would be given a chance to explain his or her nonappearance to a judge before any fine is imposed."

SARAH KEHOE, Federal Way Mirror Reporter  
skehoe@fedwaymirror.com or (253) 925-5565, ext. 5054

1

Like 34

8+1 0

Tweet 7

Share 0

### Related Stories

Impersonator tells man he owes \$1,275 for missing jury duty | Federal Way Police Blotter

Jury duty's role in a free society

Watch out for fake Reader's Digest sweepstakes scam, warns Better Business Bureau

## EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

Latest news, top stories, and community events, delivered to your inbox.

Your email

SIGN-UP

### Friends to Follow

NEW! SHOPPING SURVEY

Enter to Win \$2,000

To enter now, go to:

[www.pulsepoll.com](http://www.pulsepoll.com)

Pulse Research  
PULSERESEARCH.COM



Woodstone Credit Union

Apr 6

Want to save more money this year?



Local display advertising by PaperG

## **THE TODAY FILE**

Your guide to the latest news from around the Northwest

March 3, 2014 at 4:43 PM

### **Kitsap and Thurston counties issue warning about jury-duty scam**

Posted by Paige Cornwell

The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office and Thurston County Superior Court have issued an advisory about a scam in which residents get a phone call saying they've missed jury duty — and must pay.

The scam, which has resurfaced in the West Sound area, has a person calling county residents to inform them that they have failed to appear for jury duty and that a warrant will be, or has been, issued for their arrest, according to the Office of the Kitsap County Clerk.

When the victims say no notice was received about impending jury duty, the caller tells victims they are responsible for appearing for jury duty whether or not there was notice and that to avoid arrest, they must pay, by credit card, to get the warrant to be "lifted" or "quashed." One victim paid \$1,000.

In reality, all communications regarding jury duty is sent to residents in writing. Anyone with questions about a jury-service phone call, should contact the Kitsap County Clerk's Office at 360-337-7166 or the Thurston County Sheriff's Office at 360-786-5500.

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

0 Comments | More in The Blotter | Topics: jury duty, Kitsap County

#### **From around the web**

Selected for you by a Sponsor

Log In [Subscribe](#) [Green Editions](#) [Contact Us](#)

# SEQUIM GAZETTE



NEWS	OBITUARIES	CALENDAR	SPORTS	ENTERTAINMENT	BUSINESS	LIVING	COMMUNITY	OPINION	ABOUT US
CLASSIFIEDS	COUPONS	LOCAL SAVINGS	GREEN EDITIONS	LEGAL NOTICES	WEEKLY ADS				

**ATTENTION** Did you receive a letter in the mail regarding your Safeco Policy and finding yourself needing a new local agent? [Click Here](#)

**Safeco Insurance** Member of Liberty Mutual Group

**CA** Callis & Associates INSURANCE

**BIG** PRICE FORD

WHEELS UNDER \$10,000

Connect with Us

## NEWS

# Jury duty phone scam hits Sequim residents

0

Like 1 [g+](#) 1 [Tweet](#) 1 [Share](#) 0

Oct 22, 2014 at 4:19PM

The Clallam County Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a telephone scam that has resurfaced in the Sequim area. The caller identifies himself as a Clallam County law enforcement officer and informs the resident that he or she failed to report for jury duty.

The caller tells the resident that there is a warrant for his or her arrest and attempts to gain the resident's credit card information to pay the fine and attempts to schedule a meeting with a fictitious Prosecutor at the Clallam County Courthouse. The resident is told that once he or she meets with the Prosecutor's Office the fine will be reimbursed back.

The Sheriff's Office advises its citizens to hang up immediately if they get one of these unsolicited phone calls and not to provide any sensitive information to the caller.

For additional information regarding phone scams, visit the Washington State Attorney General's website at [www.atg.wa.gov/scamalerts](http://www.atg.wa.gov/scamalerts) and the Federal Trade Commission website to report scams at [www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0076-phone-scams).

## Related Stories

Jury duty phone scam hits Sequim residents

Jury duty phone scam hits Clallam County

Sequim resident reports phone scam

## EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

Latest news, top stories, and community events, delivered to your inbox.

Your email  [SIGN-UP](#)



## Read the Apr 8 Green Edition

Browse the print edition page by page, including stories and ads.

[Browse the archives.](#)

**Fairmount** GAS • FOOD • LODGING

Serving the Peninsula Since 1940

**BREAKFAST SERVED ALL DAY!**

OPEN 7 DAYS 6:00AM - 9PM • BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

3 minutes to Fairchild Airport 5 minutes drive to Victoria Ferries

**7 DAYS A WEEK CONVENIENT**

**Windermere** REAL ESTATE

Port Angeles | Sequim East | Sunland North

SUPERIOR COURT OF  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CLARK COUNTY  
PO BOX 5000  
VANCOUVER, WA 98666-5000  
E-MAIL: [juries@clark.wa.gov](mailto:juries@clark.wa.gov)



JURY ADMINISTRATION

TELEPHONE (360)397-2049  
FAX (360)759-6509

September 18, 2014


### **JURY DUTY PHONE SCAM**

Recently, Clark County residents have received scam phone calls from individuals claiming to be law enforcement officers (such as a Deputy Sheriff) or Court personnel. These callers request immediate payment to avoid issuance of a warrant related to Jury Duty. These payments have ranged from a few hundred to thousands of dollars. Typically, the payments are requested to be made via some type of pre-paid card such as "Green Dot." If you receive such a phone call, do not give any personal, credit card, or banking information. You should hang-up and contact law enforcement immediately.

This is a wide-spread Jury Duty scam. Clark County will **never** call to demand penalties related to Jury Duty. Any telephone contact from a Clark County Office will show a caller ID of 360.397.2300.



Home Page My Sky Valley Advertising Contact Us Privacy Policy About Us Terms of Use Register Here Welcome Log In



## THE NEW FACES OF HUNGER

### Working Americans with families

"This is not your grandmother's hunger. Today more working people and their families are hungry because wages have declined."

*Janet Pappendeck, sociologist in National Geographic's "The New Face of Hunger"*

14.5 percent of U.S. households - nearly 49 million Americans, including 15.9 million children - struggle to put food on the table. Getting enough to eat has become a central worry for millions of Americans. One in six reports running out of food at least once a year

The Snohomish Community Food Bank needs your donations of food, money or volunteer time especially during the Holiday Season. To find out how you can help...

[Click Here](#)

Snohomish Community Food Bank 1330 Ferguson Park Road Snohomish, WA 98290 (360) 568-7993 [www.snohomishfoodbank.org/](http://www.snohomishfoodbank.org/)

This message presented as a community service by SkyValleyChronicle.com

Food Distribution Hours

**Tuesdays**  
3:00 pm - 6:45 pm

**Fridays**  
10:00 am - 2:45 pm



**CALL US TODAY**  
**360-794-8024**

# Sky Valley Chronicle

Wed, April 08, 2015

"The #1 Read & Rated Sky Valley News Source & Only Daily Paper in the Sky Valley!"



**Monroe's Whitfield Building**

Seven great Monroe businesses in one shopping complex

19480 SR 2 in Monroe

Build Your Business!  
[Click Here!](#)

Like <



[RSS Feeds](#)

SEARCH

Sky Valley Chronicle

Search

[Everett, WA](#)

Temp: 54°F Sky: clear

[Forecast](#)

## DONATE

### SECTIONS

[BREAKING NEWS](#)

[FEATURE NEWS](#)

[SNOHOMISH](#)

[MONROE](#)

[SULTAN](#)

[STARTUP](#)

[BARING](#)

[GOLD BAR](#)

[INDEX](#)

[SKYKOMISH](#)

[STEVENS PASS](#)

[GENERAL VALLEY NEWS](#)

[OPINION & EDITORIAL](#)

[VIDEOS](#)

[LEGAL NOTICES](#)

[CLASSIFIEDS](#)

[AUCTIONS](#)

## READ BABY, READ!

Those ultra cool and hard to find rare and first edition books from North America's celebrated rare book store, **Gregor Rare Books** in Langley, WA



**CALL 360-221-8331**

### International sales

Search service for rare books available

Prompt professional service

Twenty five years in the rare book industry

Impeccable reputation

We've been there, seen it, done it, bought 9 T-shirts

Like 1,189 people like this. [Sign Up](#) to see what your friends like.

## BREAKING NEWS

### WATCH OUT FOR THE "JURY SCAM"

October 29, 2014

Like 0

Tweet 0

+1 0

(EVERETT, WA) -- Snohomish County officials are alerting the public to a jury scam. It appears to be an old phone ruse that seems to make the rounds across the country just about every year.

The way it works: you'll receive a phone call or an email from someone posing as a county official telling you that you owe money for failing to report for jury duty and unless you pay you'll end up a jailhouse orange jumpsuit sitting next to some characters you probably would not care to meet.

The scam plays on people's fear of governmental authorities and fear of getting thrown into the local slam.

"Employees in the Snohomish County Clerk's Office and in Superior Court have received nearly a dozen calls in the last few weeks from people who've been victims of the scam," says Rebecca Hover Director of Communications for the county.

"The caller tells the victim they must immediately pay a fine to avoid issuance of an arrest warrant for failure to appear for jury duty. A couple of victims said they were contacted via email, not phone," adds Hover.

Anyone who receives a call or email like this should call 911 immediately. Snohomish County officials



### More Headlines

#### BREAKING NEWS

[FORMER SEATTLE TEACHER CONVICTED OF RAPE OF STUDENT THAT IS NOW HER HUSBAND, TO DO BROADCAST INTERVIEW](#)

[TODAY'S CARTOON By Dan Rosendick](#)

[PHOTO OF THE DAY: Flying is fun](#)

[RESERVE POLICE OFFICER NEAR OLYMPIA ARRESTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES](#)

[STATE AGENCY BUYS LAND ON OLYMPIC PENINSULA To add to Olympic State Experimental Forest](#)

[More->](#)

## SHARE

SHARE news, views, blurbs, blabs, rumors, rants, insights, community events, school events and local church events of your community with the only 24/7 live newspaper in the Sky Valley/East Snohomish County area by sending it to: [info@skyvalleychronicle.com](mailto:info@skyvalleychronicle.com)

The Sky Valley Chronicle: one of the most widely read and tracked independent newspapers in Washington State and the free world.



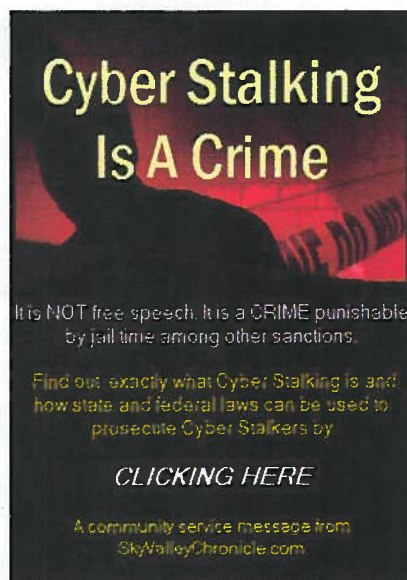
also ask victims to call the county's jury management office at 425-388-3386 to report the incident.

"Jury duty plays a vital role in our justice system," said Snohomish County Clerk Sonya Kraski. "It's reprehensible that someone would play on people's fears of not honoring their civic duty as a way to get money from them."

Employees from the Clerk's Office and Superior Court never ask jurors for payments of fines, nor do they ask past or prospective jurors for financial details such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, or Social Security numbers, Kraski said.

Approximately 53,000 people were summoned for jury duty in Snohomish County in 2013.

BACK TO  
[HOME](#)



**Cyber Stalking  
Is A Crime**

It is NOT free speech. It is a CRIME punishable  
by jail time among other sanctions.

Find out exactly what Cyber Stalking is and  
how state and federal laws can be used to  
prosecute Cyber Stalkers by

*CLICKING HERE*

A community service message from  
SkyValleyChronicle.com

#### You might also like



Definitely Don't Do This  
in Dubai  
([Destination Tips](#))



Most Don't Know They  
Have Autism. Know The  
Signs  
([RM Healthy](#))



Political Commentator to  
Be Arrested Because he is  
Critical of Obama  
([Downtrend](#))



These Celebs Battled  
Major Depression  
Disorder, Especially  
Number 6  
([Interesticle](#))



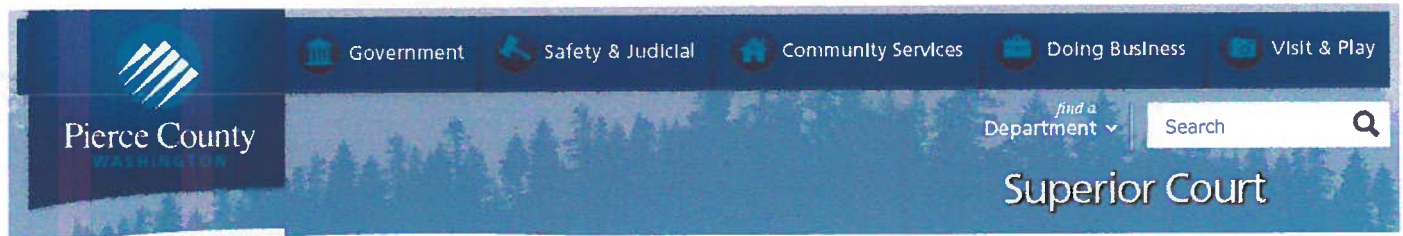
62 House Dems Reject  
Pelosi And Vote With  
Republicans  
([Downtrend](#))



Remember These  
Wrestlers From The 80s?  
Here's What They Look  
Like Today  
([ViewMixed](#))

Recommended by

© 2008-2015 Sky Valley Media Group, LLC  
www.skyvalleychronicle.com is owned and produced by  
Sky Valley Media Group, LLC which is solely responsible for its content



Next Day Report Groups

Expectations

Juror Alert

Parking/Bus/Mileage Information

Pay & Weather

Postponement & Acceptable Excuses

Reporting for Jury Service

[Home](#) > [Government](#) > [All Departments](#) > [Departments J-Z](#) > [Superior Court](#) > [Jury Information](#) > [Jury Service Information](#) > Juror Alert

## Juror Alert

### Scams that have been attempted on Jurors:

**If you are contacted by someone attempting to get money from you related to Jury service contact your local law enforcement or the Pierce County Sheriff at (253) 798-4722.**

**Most of these have been tried in other states, but some are local. Do not give personal information, banking information or money to any of these callers. Contact the named court directly or law enforcement.**

#### Pierce County Jury Scams

Pierce County residents have received calls demanding a fine by claiming the resident missed jury duty. The caller(s) claimed to be a employee with the sheriff's office and demanded as much as \$1,000. Pierce County does not call to demand a penalty for failure to appear for Jury duty, so if you receive a call like this contact your local law enforcement agency or The Pierce County Sheriff's Department at (253) 798-4722.

#### Seattle Jury Scam

At least two Seattle residents received the threatening calls from a man identifying himself as a lieutenant for the "Seattle Federal Warrant Division." The caller claimed that a warrant had been issued for failure to appear for jury duty and demanded payment of an immediate \$500 fine.

These calls are bogus.

[For the full story](#)

#### Thurston County Scam warning

[For full details](#)

#### Jury Duty Used in Kitsap County Phone Scam

Kitsap County residents were hit with calls demanding that they pay a "fine" for failure to respond to a Jury Summons. This was not Kitsap County calling, it was fraud. **Pierce County does not phone to demand fines for failure to respond to a Jury Summons.**

#### Guam Issues Juror Scam Warning

On August 19, 2013 the District Court of Guam issued a press release notifying the public that, "in various parts of the United States, citizens are being targeted by phone calls and threatened with prosecution for failing to comply with jury service in federal or state courts. In the calls, the threat of a fine for evading jury service is used to coerce those called into providing confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft and fraud." <http://news.uscourts.gov/juror-scams-reported-3-us-court-districts> The press release suggests that persons receiving suspect calls should report the matter to the Clerk of Court's office of the District Court of Guam. The U.S. Courts website issued a press release on August 21, 2013 that three U.S. Districts have reported telephonic juror scams.

**[Cincinnati.com](#) reported a jury duty scam on April 3, 2013 . Campbell Circuit Clerk Taunya Nolan indicated that she had received complaints from five people stating that they received text or email messages informing them that they failed to appear for jury duty. She advised residents that if they get this type of communication asking for money to contact law enforcement officers.**

In the past there was also a scam going on in several states where jurors have been contacted by phone with a request for their social security number. Pierce County Superior Court staff **do not** ask for social security numbers and you should **not** give this information to anyone even if called and asked for it by someone claiming to represent the court.

A caller has telephoned a number of residents and indicated that the person receiving the call has missed jury duty. The caller offers to cancel an arrest warrant for payment made by credit/debit card or bank information. Pierce County Superior Court does not do this. If you receive a call like this do not give the caller any credit card or bank information and contact law enforcement. Another twist on this scam has a text message is sent to jurors, which states that the juror has a warrant for their arrest for failing to appear for jury duty. They are directed to call a specific telephone number and pay \$500 in order to get the warrant dismissed.

Better Business Bureau identified a possible jury service SCAM. The message informs people they are facing a \$500 fine and a 30 day jail sentence. It is unclear whether these text messages are merely a joke or an

attempt to commit some type of fraud.

West Virginia Attorney General Darrell McGraw issued a press release on August 21, 2012 warning residents about a jury duty scam. He said, 'Victims report that an automated message claims there is a warrant for their arrest, and threatens imprisonment for a failed jury duty appearance. The fraudulent phone calls claim to originate from a federal or state court, and represent that consumers may avoid jail time if they pay a fine with their credit cards over the phone.' He urged residents to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division immediately if they have been a victim of the scam.

**For More Information**

For further information, contact the Pierce County Superior Court administration by phone at (253) 798-3654 or visit the:  
County-City Building  
Room 334  
930 Tacoma Ave.  
Tacoma, WA 98402

**SITE TOOLS**

[Site Map](#)  
[Translate](#)  
[Email](#)  
[Print](#)

**QUICK LINKS**

[Home](#)  
[Jobs](#)  
[News](#)  
[Contact Us](#)

**WEBSITE INFORMATION**

[Privacy Policy](#)  
[Copyright Notices](#)  
Powered by CivicPlus