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### **Be Wary of Jury Duty Scams**

Hagatna- A new and frightening kind of fraud has been brought to the attention of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG).

A caller claiming to be a jury duty coordinator will assert that you, the receiver, has failed to report for jury duty and there is a warrant out for your arrest. Upon the receivers' denial of having received jury duty summons, the caller then asks for personal information such as a social security number and date of birth so that they may verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. Facing the unexpected threat of arrest, the receiver is caught off guard and quickly gives out personal information.

The OAG urges the public NOT to give any personal information over the phone. The jury unit of the Superior Court of Guam does not serve summons, ask for confidential information, and clear arrest warrants over the phone.

The Office discussed the official process with the jury commissioner for the Superior Court of Guam.

- Each person drawn for service is served their summons either by Superior Court Marshals or through mail.
- When an individual is selected for jury duty, a specific number is assigned. It is the only piece of information asked for during phone communication.
- The court does not place calls to jurors. Jurors are asked to call a particular phone number every day after a certain time to receive jury duty instruction for the following day.

It is also important to note that if an arrest warrant is issued by a judge, procedures dictate that the individual be picked up by Superior Court Marshals, though jurors are normally given the opportunity to justify in writing why they did not appear.

“Island residents must be wary of any deviation from this process when selected to do their civic duty,” said Attorney General Rapadas. “It is important to keep the integrity of jury selection so that when someone sits on jury, they have confidence in the system, functioning to serve justice for our island.”

Anyone who is contacted by someone claiming to be a jury duty coordinator is asked to report it to: **Bernie Alvarez, consumer advocate for the Office of the Attorney General at 475-3324 ext. 171 or to email the information to: [balvarez@guamattorneygeneral.com](mailto:balvarez@guamattorneygeneral.com)**

Residents may also call the Superior Court Jury Unit at 475-3440 to clarify any questions concerning the juror selection process.

