

Jury Duty Scam

You answer the ringing phone. The caller identifies himself as an officer of the court. He says **you failed to report for jury duty** and that **a warrant is out for your arrest**.

You say you never received a notice. The caller says no problem, it can be cleared up right now, but **he'll need some information for "verification purposes"** -- your birth date, social security number, maybe even a credit card number. Or he might say that if you give him that info to pay a "small fine," the warrant will be dropped.



This is when you should hang up the phone. It's a scam.

As a rule, court officers never ask for confidential information over the phone; they generally correspond with prospective jurors via mail.

Protecting yourself against identity theft is the key: Never give out personal information when you receive an unsolicited phone call.