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JURY DUTY PHONE SCAM

We try to keep up on the latest scams criminals use to get your personal information and money. Now there's a new twist to the jury duty scam. The scammers are now using the names of local elected officials to make the call sound more legit.

We recently found out a Summit County resident got a call from someone who claimed she missed federal jury duty. The caller then states that you'll be arrested unless you immediately pay a fine. Don't believe them. It's a scam. You will not be arrested for missing jury duty, whether it's county or federal.

Here's the twist. In order to make it sound more legitimate, the caller said to check with Sandra Kurt, Summit County Clerk of Courts with any questions. Sandra let us know that her name was being used. She is not involved at all.

In fact, it's quite upsetting scammers are attempting to tarnish the names of our elected officials.

The best advice is that if you do not recognize the number, don't answer the call. By answering the call, scammers know the number they've called is active. You're then put on what's known as a "suckers list". You will get lots more scam calls.

Stay Safe,

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