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## **Warning: Fraudulent Phone Calls Regarding Arrest Warrants** **Continue to Surface in the District of New Mexico**

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The United States District Court for the District of New Mexico has recently been notified of individuals being targeted in a court-related scam. The targets have been told that a warrant for their arrest has been or will be issued by a federal judge regarding their failure to respond to a subpoena or appear in court. The scammer may ask for personal identifiers and may request an email address to which they will send a falsified warrant. The scammer will then ask for immediate payment of fines with the assurance this will resolve the warrant. The scammers may use the name of an actual judge and purport to be a member of local law enforcement, the U.S. Marshals Service, or staff from the Clerk's Office including the Clerk of Court.

The U.S. District Court will never ask for sensitive information in an unsolicited phone call and will not assess a fine or penalty for failure to respond to a subpoena or for failure to appear in federal court, without first having the person appear before a judge.

It is a crime for anyone to falsely represent himself or herself as a federal court official and such an offense is taken very seriously by the federal judiciary. Persons receiving such a telephone call **should not provide the requested information or pay any fines** and should report the incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) through the Internet Crime Complaint Center at <https://www.ic3.gov/>. In the District of New Mexico, the individual may also contact the U.S. District Court at 505-348-2000 to verify that there are no matters pending before the federal court in their name, or visit our website <https://www.nmd.uscourts.gov/federal-court-related-scams> to learn more about court-related scams.

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