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## GENERAL ADVISORY

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# U.S. MARSHALS WARN PUBLIC OF JURY SERVICE SCAM

**PITTSBURGH, PA** – Acting U.S. Marshal Michael D. Baughman, Western District of Pennsylvania, wishes to alert the community of fraudulent activity involving jury service.

The U.S. Marshals in Pittsburgh have recently become aware of an ongoing scheme to target individuals in western Pennsylvania with false claims that they neglected jury duty in Federal court. On different occasions, the callers have identified themselves as either a court administrator or as a law enforcement official. The intended victims are informed that they failed to report for jury service in Federal court and that a warrant has been issued for their arrest. The impostor offers to resolve the matter, and to spare the victim from arrest, by providing directions on how to remit payment.

Unfortunately, these types of shady schemes surface with all too frequent regularity. The public needs to be aware that legitimate law enforcement and/or court officials would not attempt to elicit money in this matter. Any requests for payment under these pretenses are outside the normal practice and should be discounted.

While we are aware of a certain level of fraudulent activity to date, we suspect there may be others who have recently encountered a similar situation. In the event a citizen receives such a call and is uncertain as to the authenticity of the caller, our office can assist with verifying the information. To report this type of activity and to avoid being victimized, we ask the public to bring this matter to our attention by calling 412-644-6628.