

JURY DUTY SCAM *(this has been around for a year or so, but it's making it's way back to Colorado)*

This scam has been verified by the FBI (their link is also included below). It is spreading fast so be prepared should you get this call. Most of us take summons for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty, that a new and ominous kind of scam has surfaced.

The caller claims to be a jury coordinator. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant.

Give out any of this information and your identity just been stolen.

The scam has been reported so far in 11 states, including Oklahoma, Illinois and Colorado. This scam is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they're with the court system.

The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud. Check it out here:

<http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp> and
http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm

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