

Jury Duty Scam Alert for Mecklenburg County



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**DON'T BE A VICTIM OF THE
JURY DUTY
SCAM**

WARNING: If you have failed to appear for jury service, you cannot be fined or arrested by telephone. Any phone call stating that a warrant has been issued for your arrest due to not reporting for jury service is a **scam**. Further, it is a scam if payment by telephone is demanded or offered to avoid arrest. Court and / or law enforcement officials do not call the public requesting Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, money, pre-paid debit card numbers, or any other sensitive financial information to avoid arrest.

LEARN MORE: [NCCOURTS.GOV/JURY-SERVICE](https://nccourts.gov/jury-service)

CHARLOTTE — Mecklenburg County residents are receiving jury service scam phone calls from someone posing as law enforcement. The caller informs them that they have failed to respond to a jury summons, an order has been issued for their arrest, and that they need to pay a large fee using gift cards in order to avoid arrest or jail time. **This is a scam.**

- Scammers are very convincing and often have your name and address, use the name of a real judge and / or law enforcement officers, and refer to local locations to make you believe the call is legitimate. They may even have faked the phone number of the courthouse or Sheriff's Office.
- In North Carolina, jury summonses are issued by U.S. mail. If you fail to appear for jury service, you cannot be fined by telephone or email. Any phone call stating that a (bench) warrant has been issued for your arrest due to not reporting for jury service is a scam.
- It is a scam if payment by telephone is demanded to satisfy the bench warrant. Court staff and / or the Sheriff's Office do not call or email citizens requesting Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, money, pre-paid debit card numbers, payments by money grams, or any other sensitive financial information.
- **If you receive such a call, *HANG UP* without providing any information about yourself or taking any action.**
- You can confirm if you have been selected for jury service or failed to appear by contacting the [clerk of superior court office in your county](#).
- Report any suspicious calls (or emails) to your local Sheriff's Office. Victims may also report it to the [N.C. Attorney General's Office](#) or call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

[Learn how to avoid the jury duty scam](#)

[Learn about jury service in North Carolina](#)

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About North Carolina Judicial Branch

The [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#) is an equal and distinctively separate branch and core function of government. More than 7,000 Judicial Branch employees statewide administer justice in courthouses in North Carolina's 100 counties.

The [Judicial Branch budget for FY 2021–22](#) was \$672.4M, 86.2% of which is used to pay salaries and the remaining 13.8% is used for operations. The Judicial Branch receives only 2.59% of the overall State budget.

About North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts

The North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts (NCAOC) is the administrative agency for the [North Carolina Judicial Branch](#), providing administrative services to help the North Carolina court system operate more efficiently and effectively, taking into account each courthouse's diverse needs, caseloads, and available resources.

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