



Franklin County Court of Common Pleas General Division

PRESS RELEASE

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Potential Scam Alert

The Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, has received repeated reports of scam activity relating to Jury Duty.

A number of citizens have received telephone calls from persons claiming to work for either the Franklin County Sheriff or the Jury Commissioner. Those scam artists tell the citizens that because they missed jury duty, they owe fines and costs, and can pay them by giving personal financial information (e.g. credit card numbers) to make the payments "owed."

Please be firmly advised that such requests are out and out scams. NO employee of Franklin County Court--would EVER be authorized to make such a call. Any such contact between the Court and jurors is through certified mail ONLY.

In the event you would get such a call, please do NOT give ANY personal information or personal financial information to the caller, no matter how threatening (or sincere) the caller happens to be. Instead, contact the Franklin County Sheriff at 614-525-3333 to report the incident. Again, do NOT give ANY personal financial information to the caller.

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