## SCAM Alerts - Jury and Traffic Ticket Scams

Beware of phone calls stating you have missed jury duty or have an unpaid outstanding traffic fine. The Clerk of Court's office does not contact you by phone regarding these issues, you are mailed a summons or letter on our letterhead informing you of any missed jury duty or court dates.

Many times a scammer will state they are a member of local law enforcement with a warrant and encourage you to pay fine over the phone. State law does not allow the Sheriff's office to collect court fines, all court fines must be paid to the Clerk of Court's office. The Sheriff's office typically does not contact those with a warrant by telephone, as this obviously gives the person a chance to evade arrest for the warrant.

To help protect Forsyth County residents we have recently partnered with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to provide you with an avenue to report suspicious scam activity. Citizens can report possible scams directly to the FTC via the Consumer Sentinel Network.

You can report scams and suspicious communications to the Federal Trade Commission (link to <a href="https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/?orgcode=GAFCCT">https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/?orgcode=GAFCCT</a>).