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Don't let this happen to you or your loved ones! Spokane County Superior Court, the Sheriff's Office and the Spokane City Police are warning the public to be on alert for a jury duty scam that is once again making the rounds in the Spokane community.

A member of the Spokane community recently reported receiving a call from a male caller who stated he belonged to a local law enforcement agency and because the person failed to report for jury duty, they currently had a warrant for their arrest. The caller advised that the only way to resolve the warrant was to either be arrested or pay a fine of over \$1,000. The scammer instructed the person to purchase several gift cards and said that that money would get refunded once the warrant was canceled. Unfortunately, the citizen provided the barcodes from several gift cards to the scammer before suspecting it was a scam.

Spokane County Superior Court and Law Enforcement want to remind people that they will never call and threaten arrest for missing jury service. In addition, government employees will never request someone to purchase gift cards to pay for any legitimate fine.

While this scam has been circulating for years, the scammers are getting more sophisticated and do extensive research to make their threat seem credible.

Anyone who receives such a call is urged to hang up and contact Crime Check at 509-456-2233.

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