



Prince William County Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
Prince William, Virginia
CRIME ALERT



Emergency Dial 9-1-1

Non-Emergency Dial (703) 792-6500

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JURY DUTY SCAM

With this scam, the phone caller claims to be a jury coordinator. He or she states that you have failed to report for jury duty; therefore a warrant is out for your arrest. 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. If you give out any of this information then your identity can be used by someone else.

This fraud has been reported in 11 states, so far, since 2005. The scammers use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving information by pretending they are with the court system. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud:

<http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp>

http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm

**AT THIS TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN NO KNOWN INCIDENTS
IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY.**

REMEMBER: Never give out your personal information over the telephone to an UNSOLICITED phone caller (e.g., someone you didn't call directly).

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Anyone with any information concerning these or other crimes should call Prince William County Crime Solvers at (703) 670-3700 or toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS.

You don't have to give your name, just the information.

You could earn up to a \$1,000 cash reward.

<http://www.pwcgov.org/police>

