

Daniel B. Merritt, Jr. Chief Judge

## STATE OF FLORIDA

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



CITRUS, HERNANDO, LAKE, MARION, AND SUMTER COUNTIES



Jeffery K. Fuller Trial Court Administrator

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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TO: ALL LAKE COUNTY RESIDENTS

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## JURY DUTY SCAM ALERT

There have been numerous reports of citizens of Lake County being contacted via telephone informing them that there is a warrant for their arrest issued by a Circuit Court Judge to be executed by the Lake County Sheriff Department because the citizen failed to appear for JURY DUTY. The caller may demand payment of fines and/or fees and may even use names of real law enforcement officials or circuit court judges.

<u>These telephone calls are a scam</u>. Court Personnel, Clerk Office Personnel, and Offices of the Circuit Court Judges DO NOT CALL individuals regarding fines, fees, arrest warrants, or reminders of jury duty.

If you believe you may have missed jury duty or would like more information, please see the Lake County Clerk of Court website regarding Jury Services at: Jury Management - Courts - Lake County Clerk of the Circuit & County Courts.

Please do not provide personal information to these callers and especially do not make any payment for the purpose of fines or fees associated with failure to attend jury duty without first verifying the information with the Clerk's Office whose contact information can be found by following the link above.