Phone scammers targeting Washoe County

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Second Judicial District Court have been receiving numerous calls about an ongoing phone scam in which the scammers identify themselves as District Court or sheriff's personnel.

The scammers then claim the potential victims owe a substantial fine for failing to report for jury service.

The Second Judicial District Court does not impose monetary sanctions for missed jury service over the phone. Additionally, the Second Judicial District Court does not accept payments over the phone.

Anyone who has been a victim of this scam, or who receives such a call, is encouraged to take down as much information as possible, such as a name and call back number, without giving any information to the scammer. Then contact the Washoe County Sheriff's Office at 775.785.9276.