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SCAMS SURROUNDING PULASKI COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ON THE RISE

(PULASKI, ARK.) – Scammers continue to use ever-evolving tactics to prey on Pulaski County residents. Government entities, including the Pulaski County Clerk's office, have been used to take advantage of residents through scams to collect or extort money.

These scammers resort to alarming tactics, such as impersonating Pulaski County Sheriff's Office members or U.S. Marshals. They use this guise to demand immediate payment of fines, preying on the fear of jail time.

In a recent case, an individual was told there was a warrant for their arrest. The scammer also shared the telephone number of the Clerk's Office to make the potential victim believe the call was legitimate. They were instructed to bring \$7,500 in cash and meet outside the Pulaski County Courthouse. Someone would then come to their car to accept the fine.

Our office has continued to receive several disturbing calls from residents who have been targeted by jury summons scams. These scams are designed to trick people into giving away their personal information and paying a fine. The scammers typically threaten to arrest individuals if the fine is not paid.

Here are a few tips for handling these calls and guarding against scams:

- If you get a suspiciously strange call from any government entity, hang up. Government employees won't call to demand money or account information.
- Never disclose or verify your personal or financial information to an unsolicited caller.
- Don't wire money or send money using a reloadable card. Never pay someone who calls you, even if the name or number on the caller ID looks legitimate.
- If you feel pressured to act immediately, hang up. That's a sign of a scam.

If you or anyone you know gets a suspicious call that claims to be from the Pulaski County Clerk's Office, it's important to be cautious and alert. Our office will never call you and ask for money. We strongly encourage you to contact our office directly at 501-340-8500.