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NEWS RELEASE

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Telephone Scammers Continue to Target Idaho Residents

Callers Claiming to be a Deputy U.S. Marshal Falsely Threaten with Federal Arrest Warrant

BOISE – The United States Attorney’s Office and the United States Marshals Service are advising Idaho residents to be aware of telephone calls threatening individuals of a pending arrest warrant for not responding to federal jury summonses. Calls have been reported in the Boise and Coeur d’Alene areas.

It was recently reported that Idaho residents have received phone calls from a person from the following number **208-391-5870** claiming to be a Deputy U.S. Marshal demanding that citizens post bond for failing to appear for a federal jury summons. This is not a valid phone number of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Because the telephone calls are continuing to occur, the United States Attorney wants the public to be aware of these scam calls. Officers do not notify people of arrest warrants by phone. A valid arrest warrant would be served in person by a Deputy U.S. Marshal or other law enforcement officer. Persons receiving such a telephone call are cautioned not to provide any information and to notify the U.S. Marshals Service immediately.

“I urge everyone who receives this type of phone call to be very skeptical, or better yet, simply hang up the phone,” said Brian T. Underwood, United States Marshal for the District of Idaho. “This is not a typical way that the U.S. Marshals resolve warrant related matters.”

It is a crime for an individual to falsely represent himself or herself as a federal official or Deputy United States Marshal. Accordingly, this scam and any similar fraudulent conduct will be investigated by the U.S. Marshals Service, in partnership with the FBI.

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