

## U.S. District Court Warns of Scam Emails

Scammers are using the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana's name to trick people into clicking a potentially harmful internet link. The Clerk's Office began receiving phone calls from individuals who had been sent emails informing them that they had been summonsed for federal jury service. The email urges recipients to click a link. **Federal courts do not issue jury summons via email.** Anyone receiving a legitimate jury summons will receive that information via physical mail. Do not click any link included in an email from an unknown sender.

If you believe that you have been the victim of such a scam are encouraged to report the incident the Federal Trade Commission at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov>.

Here is additional information on things to remember, who to call, and what to do if you are contacted by a scammer:

- Do not divulge personal information or financial information to unknown callers, including those who claim to work for a government agency.
- A court will never ask for a credit/debit card number, gift card number, wire transfers, or bank routing numbers over the phone or by email for any purpose.
- A fine will never be imposed until after an individual has appeared in court and been given the opportunity to explain a failure to appear.