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# **MEDIA RELEASE – SCAM ALERT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 6, 2019**

**Contact Information:** Troy D. Dunn, Sheriff  
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**Description of Incident:** This past week, a number of residents received phone calls from scammers identifying themselves as Sheriff's Office staff and stating that they are following up on legal action. They state that you failed to appear for jury duty and the judge has issued a warrant for your arrest. They then offer you the opportunity to pay your fine or bail over the phone by giving them a credit card number or a bank account number. They use former and current staff names as well as current judge's names in these calls.

**THIS IS A HOAX.** If this were the real thing, we would not offer to let you pay a fine or bail over the phone, you would get a personal visit by a real deputy. The caller ID being used is a valid non-emergency phone number, but the call back number is a different number being answered by non-Rice county Sheriff's Office staff.

Please do not give any personal information over the phone. Call our non-emergency number (507-334-4391) to confirm if we really have legitimate official Sheriff's Office business. Please share this scam with your friends and family so they don't become a victim of this crime.

**Prepared by: Sheriff Troy Dunn, Rice County Sheriff's Office**