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Identity Theft Alert

The Hastings Police Department has become aware of an identity theft scam alert circulating on the Internet. Although the Hastings Police department has received no reports of this activity in Hastings the public should be aware. The scam operates as follows. The scammer calls claiming to work for the local court system and claims you have failed to report for jury duty. He tells you a warrant has been issued for your arrest.

The victim will claim they never received the jury duty notification. The scammer then asks for confidential information for verification purposes. Specifically, the scammer asks for the victim's Social Security number, birth date, and sometimes even for credit card numbers, private information, exactly what the scammer needs to commit identity theft.

In reality, court workers will never call you to ask for social security numbers and other private information. As always **Never** give out your social security number, credit card numbers or other personal confidential information when you receive a telephone call.