

Senior Fraud Alert—June 18, 2008



Jury Duty Scam!

Another way to steal your identity

Charlotte: Sheriffs in Mecklenburg and Cumberland counties in North Carolina recently warned residents that identity thieves were running the "jury duty" scam on local citizens. WSOC Television News in Charlotte reported this week that callers claiming to be with the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department were telling citizens that they were going to be arrested because they had failed to report for jury duty. When the citizens replied that they had never received a notice to report for jury duty, the scammers requested their social security numbers and other sensitive personal information so that the fictitious warrants for their arrest could be withdrawn. The Cumberland County Sheriff has also issued a news release warning citizens in his jurisdiction about the calls. Authorities in both communities suggested that recipients of such calls hang up immediately and call local law enforcement.

To reach the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's office to report an incident or for more information, call 704.336.2543 or e-mail julia.rush@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

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