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MISSED JURY DUTY SCAM ALERT

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is issuing a scam warning to the public. Citizens have contacted the Sheriff's Office to report that they received a phone call from an individual who claims to be a Lieutenant of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office. The caller claims the individual has missed federal jury duty and must report to the Sheriff's Office and pay a fine.

The Judicial Circuit Courts and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office will not call you to state you have missed jury duty, have a warrant or ever ask you to pay fines over the phone.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office warns people to be cautious when answering calls from numbers they do not recognize, especially if the caller asks for money. Individuals should never provide anyone with their personal credit card or bank information.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office urges anyone who receives a similar call to report it immediately by calling the non-emergency number at (815) 282-2600.

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