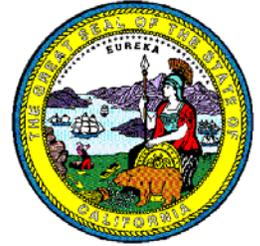


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ALERT REGARDING FRAUDULENT CALLS TO THE PUBLIC

Recently a Fresno County Superior Court employee received a call on their personal cell phone from someone purporting to be a court employee. The caller identified themselves as "the Clerk to the Board" and instructed the employee to call an out of area phone number in another state to confirm sensitive information to avoid arrest from an alleged warrant. The caller ID appeared to be from a court even though the call was fraudulent.

Court Executive Officer Sheran Morton said "In this instance because the target happened to be a court employee they were aware that courts do not solicit such information and sought guidance from their supervisor."

The court wants to notify the public that **the Fresno County Superior Court does NOT call the public to obtain personal information such as social security numbers or financial information OR to request payment.**

If you receive a call from an individual who states that they are calling from a court **DO NOT** give the caller any personal information. If you think that the call may be legitimate, contact the court directly after obtaining their contact information independently. If the call is fraudulent report it to your local law enforcement agency.

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