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PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**JOHNSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WARNS RESIDENTS AGAINST SCAM
PHONE CALLS THREATENING ARREST**

Johnson County District Attorney Steve Howe warns residents to be alert for bogus phone calls that appear to originate from his office.

Several citizens have reported receiving phone calls threatening arrest for failure to appear for jury duty in Johnson County District Court. The caller appears to be posing as an Assistant District Attorney and threatens that an arrest warrant has been issued for the resident. The caller advises the only way to avoid impending arrest is to transfer funds utilizing a pre-paid debit card, such as a Green Dot card. The District Attorney's Office advises this is a scam and warns residents not to provide these fraudsters money under these false pretenses.

The District Attorney's Office reminds residents that neither the DA's Office nor law enforcement will call asking for your personal information or for money if you have missed jury duty. Fraudsters can make legitimate numbers appear on your Caller ID to trick you into thinking legitimate agencies are calling you when they are not.

Anyone concerned that he or she has fallen victim to this scam should contact local law enforcement to file a police report or contact the Johnson County District Attorney's Consumer Hotline at 913-715-3003.

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