Citizens of Crawford County have been targeted in jury-related identity theft scams. The scam may begin with a telephone call or email informing citizens that they have missed jury duty and an arrest warrant has been issued, or, the caller may inquire about the availability of a citizen to participate in jury duty. The caller may then proceed to request confidential information such as date of birth, Social Security number, credit card and/or bank account information or demand that payment be made through a money transfer service to clear the warrant. These perpetrators may use real names of persons or other means in order to make the scam appear believable to an unsuspecting victim.

Citizens are advised that officials of the 30th Judicial District do <u>not</u> solicit participation or seek any information from jurors via the telephone. Further, court employees do <u>not</u>, under any circumstances, request confidential information such as credit card or bank account information.

If you receive a telephone call claiming you have missed jury duty and the caller requests confidential information or demands that you make payment, do <u>not</u> provide any information. Please hang up the telephone and immediately contact the <u>Crawford County Court Administration Office at (814) 333-</u>7498 and your local law enforcement agency.