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Second Judicial District Court warns public about fraudulent text messages

ALBUQUERQUE – The Second Judicial District Court is warning the public about fraudulent text messages that claim recipients must appear in “New Mexico District Court.”

“These text messages are not legitimate. The Second Judicial District Court will never send text messages requesting payment or threatening legal action. Do not click on any links or send any money,” said Chief Judge Marie Ward.

The recent fraudulent text messages state that recipients must appear in New Mexico District Court for an overdue traffic violation or else face arrest, revocation of driving privileges, vehicle impoundment, wage garnishment, or asset seizure. The message includes a link directing recipients to “take immediate steps now,” and requests payment.

“Scammers are increasingly using fake court notices and legal threats to take money from members of our community. We encourage the public to be skeptical of any text messages they receive claiming to be from a court,” Chief Judge Ward added. “If something doesn’t seem right, please contact the court to verify.”

The Second Judicial District Court does not contact individuals by text message or phone to notify them of any type of violation or request payment of fines. All official court notifications are sent through the mail.

Those with questions about communications that claim to be from the Second Judicial District Court should contact the court or visit the court’s website at seconddistrict.nmcourts.gov for up-to-date information.

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