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PHONE SCAM

The Court has recently become aware that its telephone numbers are being used in a phone scam directed at residents of this district. The callers represent themselves to be investigators or officials investigating the recipient's illegal activities and direct the caller to make certain payments to avoid further investigation. **These calls are not from the Court.**

The Court's legitimate telephone numbers are being "spoofed" or used to disguise the true source of the call. The calls may use telephone numbers associated with the Court, such as its general phone numbers—(716) 551-1700 and (585) 613-4000. The Caller ID may list "USCOURTS." **This is a scam.**

The Court is not an investigative agency. It will **NOT** do any of the following:

- Contact you about a possible or ongoing investigation.
- Tell you that you are being investigated.
- Demand payment so that you can end or avoid investigation.
- Demand payment so that you can avoid arrest.
- Demand verification of your personal information via email or telephone, particularly your financial or personal information, such as bank account or credit card information or social security number.

What Can You Do?

If you believe that you have been the victim of fraud or have received a scam phone call, phishing e-mail, or fax, contact your local police or sheriff department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the United States Marshals Service.

If you have any concerns about a communication that purports to be from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, contact us at **716-551-1700**.