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**SCAM TARGETING LOCAL RESIDENTS**  
***Citizens being told to send money for not reporting for jury duty***

United States Attorney Randolph J. Seiler reported today that local law enforcement authorities have been receiving reports of residents being targeted in a telephonic scam. Unsuspecting citizens have been receiving telephone calls from persons claiming to be a police officer, clerk of courts personnel, and even a federal district court judge. The caller claims the citizen was supposed to report for jury duty in federal or state court, and failed to report as directed. The citizen is being told by the bogus caller that they must send money to a specified account or person in order to avoid being arrested.

U.S. Attorney Seiler wants citizens to know the claims being made in these calls are totally false and, if contacted, citizens should not send money to anyone as instructed in the fraudulent call.

If you feel you have been a target of this scam you should immediately contact the Rapid City Police Department at 605.394.4131 or the United States Marshal's Service in Rapid City at 605.342-6331.

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