



NEWS RELEASE

The Twelfth Judicial District

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Court Officials Warn Public to Beware of Jury Duty Prank Line

Fayetteville , NC – Cumberland County Court officials have discovered that Cumberland County residents are falling prey to prank phone messages indicating they have failed to report for jury duty and will be fined \$500 and serve a 30 day jail sentence for failing to appear. Victims are contacted via text message and/or email and told to call a phone number to receive a message. The phone numbers are advertised as the “Jury Duty Prank Line” on the **website www.humorhotlines.com**. The numbers being sent via text message and/or email are 704-319-7259, 704-319-7254, and 704-319-7242. Court officials are urging citizens not to call these numbers and fall victim to this prank. These prank phone messages are creating unnecessary anxiety for Cumberland County residents and creating extra work for court officials who have received numerous phone calls from worried citizens who have fallen victim to these prank phone messages. The message received by the caller sounds very convincing and if the caller does not listen to the entire message they will not be given the information that it is meant to be a joke.