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Warrant Scam Targets Idaho Courts

Idaho's Administrative Office of the Courts has received reports of a fraudulent "warrant" being texted to members of the public.

The image purports to be signed by a judge and threatens a person's arrest for failing to appear before a grand jury.

The "warrant" document is fraudulent and is not in any way connected to the Idaho courts. Courts will not text or otherwise issue letters about warrants to the public in this fashion.

Court officials in Ada County and with Idaho's federal courts [recently reported](#) an uptick in scams involving people pretending to be from the courts or related law enforcement.

If you get a message like this one:

- Do not reply to the sender, or to any phone numbers or email addresses provided by the sender.
- Do not provide the sender any payment or personal information. As recently noted in other scam alerts, government officials will not ask you to pay bail, fines or other court costs using gift cards or cryptocurrency.
- If you get a message related to court proceedings or court service and are unsure if it is legitimate, contact the court involved using their publicly available contact information. The Idaho state courts maintain a state courthouse directory [at this link](#).

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