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GWINNETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTINUES TO OFFER TIPS ON HOW TO AVOID RISING SCAMS

(Gwinnett County, Ga., December 1, 2023) – The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office urges everyone to be aware of a scam that has affected our community.

Recently, scammers purporting to be an employee of the Sheriff's Office using the fictitious name "Sgt. Kerr" have called citizens using the number 770.215.0734. The scammer has told the citizens that they have either missed a federal subpoena that was sent via certified mail, or that they have failed to appear for the Grand Jury. The scammer would then request the citizen to pay \$1,500 in order to be removed from the federal docket or to have their fictitious warrant recalled for missing jury duty, all of which is false information.

The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office wants to inform the community that the fictitious name "Sergeant Kerr" calling from the phone number 770.215.0734 is not any employee of the Sheriff's Office, and this phone number is not associated with the Sheriff's Office in any way. If you receive a phone call from anyone using this name or anyone from this phone number, immediately end the call and do not under any circumstances provide the individual with any of your personal information.

In the event that you miss jury duty, the Sheriff's Office and the Courts will not contact you by phone. All correspondence in reference to jury duty will be conducted via mail. If you have questions about missing jury duty, please call the Gwinnett County Courts Jury Services at 770.822.5667. If you or someone you know has been called by this scammer, please call the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office at 770.619.6655.

As with any phone call you may receive, proceed with caution before providing any personal and/or financial information to anyone you don't know. The Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing our community with the most updated information in order to keep you and your family safe from these disturbing scams.