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### **CONSUMER ALERT: Scammers Claiming to be Court System Target Arkansans Via Text with Fake Traffic Citations**

#### **Scammers Are Impersonating Arkansas Courts with Fake Traffic Citations**

Arkansans have reported receiving text messages from senders claiming to be an Arkansas court regarding an alleged unpaid traffic citation. The message includes a case number, judge name, and a deadline to respond, and it directs recipients to click a link to resolve the matter or make a payment.

#### **What Arkansans Should Know**

Arkansas courts will not send unsolicited text messages demanding payment or directing you to click a link to resolve a citation. Scammers use official-sounding language, fake case details, and threats of penalties—such as license suspension or fines—to pressure victims into acting quickly.

#### **What Arkansans Should and Shouldn't Do**

- Do not click on any links in the message.
- Do not reply to the text.
- Report the message as junk and delete it.
- If you are concerned about a possible citation, contact your local court directly using a verified phone number or official website.
- You can report the scam to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov).

For more information, please contact the Office of Attorney General at (501) 682-2007 or [oag@arkansasag.gov](mailto:oag@arkansasag.gov), or visit the website [www.ArkansasAG.gov](http://www.ArkansasAG.gov).