UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL E-MAIL PHISHING SCAM

A number of district courts have recently reported that citizens in their districts are being targeted by a juror phishing email that asks recipients to provide personal identifiers (Social Security Number, Date Of Birth, mother's maiden name, etc.) on an attached PDF form and email it back to the originator. A sample of the scam email is included on the next page. This scam differs from previous incidents in its use of "EJuror" as the source of the email and its attempt to obtain personal identifiers.

Please note that the Federal District Court will never request personal identification information be sent directly in an email response. Requests to complete a jury qualification questionnaire are initiated from the U.S. District Court by formal written correspondence with instructions provided for the prospective juror to be authenticated over a secure connection.

If you receive such an e-mail, please notify the Jury Department of the U.S. District Court at 315-234-8520 or jury@nynd.uscourts.gov. The Court will take appropriate action.

July 31, 2014

Should you receive an e-mail such as the one below, do not respond or reply to it. Notify the U.S. District Court.

Sample phishing e-mail language:

From: "EJuror Program" <mabon@nsuok.edu>
Date: July 30, 2014 at 7:53:51 AM EDT
To: smayl@comcast.net
Subject: EJuror Program
Reply-To: "EJuror Program" <picket2@msn.com>

Dear Prospective Juror 0150,

It is the policy of the United States that all litigants in Federal courts entitled to trial by jury shall have the right to grand and petit juries selected at random from a fair cross section of the community in the district or division wherein the court convenes. It is further the policy of the United States that all citizens shall have the opportunity to be considered for service on grand and petit juries in the district courts of the United States, and shall have an obligation to serve as jurors when summoned for that purpose.

As an American citizen, it is your civic duty to respond to a jury Summons and, if chosen, to serve as a juror. You have officially been invited so.

Click here to fill out the Ejury Duty Form now.

Sincerely,

National EJuror Program