

I received a phone call from a number with a 208-area code and I decided to answer it. An African American man was on the phone claiming to be deputy Michael Johnson from the Canyon County Sheriff's office. He knew my full name and said that I had missed a jury summons and that this was a courtesy call giving me the chance to resolve the issue in a civil manner and if I didn't cooperate it would be handled criminally. I told him that I had not received a jury summons. He then gave me an address they had on file which was my actual previous address. He said that he would put me on the 'did not receive' list and that there were several steps I had to go through immediately to resolve the issue and clear the warrant for arrest on my name. He said that I would need to immediately acquire a bail bond for \$500 (that would be refunded within 24 hours), and then proceed to the Canyon County Sheriff's office to fill out paperwork. I argued saying there was no way this was so urgent and that I was currently at work, and I would take care of it at a later date. He persisted and told me that I could be arrested and taken to prison if I happened to get pulled over for a traffic violation or anything like that and he was trying to prevent that from happening. He said that he would stay on the phone as a mobile escort until I had completed the necessary steps in case, I happened to cross paths with law enforcement, and they tried to arrest me. Reason being that he would be there to explain the situation and tell them that I was cooperating and performing the steps necessary to resolve the issue civilly. He then told me to go to the nearest CVS which was where I could fulfill the bail bond requirement. I then received a barcode in a text from a different number and he told me to tell the cashier I would like to fund a cash service account and then let them scan the barcode and I would be able to deposit cash into the account to receive my bail bond which I would take to the Sheriff's office when I go to fill out paperwork. The whole thing was a lie which I found very convincing in the moment and sadly I did fall for it and give him the money before I realized what was going on.

These are the phone numbers they used:

+1 (208) 435-7625

+1 (208) 476-1364

This is the barcode that was sent to me:



Bar code



Code:

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