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Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs Issues Alert About Bogus Jury Summons

CLEVELAND – The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs is issuing a nationwide alert warning people not to respond to a bogus emailed jury summons that purports to be from Cuyahoga County.

If you receive an emailed jury summons, do not reply. Do not call the toll-free number supplied in the email. Do not click on any links or attachments.

So far, residents of California, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas have contacted the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts to ask about the emails, which say:

**“You have been summoned for jury service to the Cuyahoga County Court.
Your Group Number is: 1776
Scheduled Appearance Date: 11m 23d, 2016YYY
Where You Must Appear:
Cuyahoga County Court
2256 Remington Court, Rosmand, OH 65505**

Please print and bring the attached Summons with you. Be prepared to attend court from your assigned reporting time up to 5:00 P.M. Reasonable accommodations for persons with ADA disabilities must be requested at least ten days in advance from the Jury Office ADA-Coordinator at telephone number 1-800-843-8588. Free parking is available.”

There is no city in Cuyahoga County or in the state of Ohio named Rosmand. The zip code is not in the United States. Cuyahoga County does not email jury summons.

The toll-free number is answered by a recorded message that asks people to take to a “survey” to win a chance at a cruise. Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs warns that those who call the 800 number could later be inundated with illegal robocalls or other scam calls.

In the past, scam callers posing as Cuyahoga County court officials have tried to scare people into paying bogus fines for missed court appearances or summonses. In some cases, the scammers have threatened people with immediate arrest unless they pay.

People who receive suspicious emails or threatening calls purporting to be from Cuyahoga County should file a scam report with the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs through its website at www.consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty. Consumers who live outside the county can alternatively report suspect emails and calls to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov.