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ALERT!

A concerned woman called my office yesterday to advise she received a voicemail from a man claiming to be with the County Clerk Fraud Division. The caller said he was trying to reach the woman's daughter. If her daughter did not call back within two hours, he would issue a warrant for her arrest. Fortunately, the woman called my office instead of frantically telling her daughter to return the man's call. He was likely trying to gain personal information that he could use to steal the daughter's identity, or trick her into paying money.

This scam may work because you're caught off guard and fearful of being arrested. Be aware, however, that court workers do not leave this type of message. If you get such a call, you can verify its legitimacy by calling the court.

A similar scam was circulating a few years ago in which someone claiming to work for the court called individuals and told them they had failed to report for jury duty. The caller threatened to issue an arrest warrant unless they provided personal information to verify their identity.

Be suspicious of any calls or emails asking for your personal information. They are likely part of scam.

Stay Safe,

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