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HARLINGEN MUNICIPAL COURT

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON COURT RELATED SCAMS

Two cities in western Texas have recently been hit with scams involving their municipal courts.

The City of Amarillo has been hit with a phone scheme. Individuals are calling persons with their number duplicating an Amarillo Police Department dispatch number. They tell the call recipients that they have outstanding warrants and can pay over the phone.

The Police Department and Amarillo Municipal Court have reminded citizens they will never call and ask for payment over the phone.

The City of Lubbock Municipal Court has been hit with a mail scam. Letters with a letterhead of the Lubbock Municipal Court and digitally signed by an "Attorney General" are issued under the title of "Issuance of Incompetence." It tells the recipient they have committed some malpractice and should pay a sum or the matter will be taken before the Lubbock Municipal Court. The Lubbock Court also has reminded citizens they will not make demands in such a manner.

The Harlingen Municipal Court would like to make its residents aware that we will not call and ask you to pay any outstanding fines over the phone. The Municipal Court will not send letters for "Issuance of Incompetence" nor will we send a letter with an attorney general's signature.

The public is advised, should anyone receive a letter or telephone call claiming they owe money to the Harlingen Municipal Court and asking for immediate payment over the phone, to consider it to be a scam. Residents are reminded not to provide their personal information to anyone and to hang up. If in doubt of whether there is a court matter, call the Harlingen Municipal Court between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (956) 216-5121 or visit us at 1018 Fairpark Blvd., Harlingen, Texas.



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