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There have been several recent reports of jury service scams in DuPage County. The people of DuPage County should be aware the court will NEVER contact a person via telephone or email and demand payment of a fine to avoid being arrested for failing to appear for jury service, unless that fine was ordered by a judge in the person's presence. People who fail to appear for jury service will receive a letter from the Jury Commission with a date to appear for a hearing to explain to the jury commissioners as to why they failed to appear. If the person does not respond to that letter, a law enforcement officer will notify people that they must appear in court on a specific date and time to explain why they failed to appear. However, only a judge can require people to pay a fine for failing to appear for jury services. This can only occur after a person has been given the opportunity to explain themselves in open court.

People who have received a suspicious phone call or email demanding payment of a fine for failing to appear for jury service should promptly contact their local police department or the Jury Commission at 630-407-8785.