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SCAM ALERT

There have been recent reports of fraudulent phone calls disguised as Monterey County Superior Court clerks and staff advising recipients that they are being sued and that they owe money. These callers threaten arrests if fines are not paid. These calls are referred to as "spoofing" and occur when a caller deliberately falsifies information to disguise their identity and is often used to attempt to trick someone into giving away valuable personal or financial information.

Although the calls can be concerning, it is important to understand that the court will never call a member of the public to advise them of a lawsuit against them, demand payment, or threaten arrest.

If you receive such a call, please report any and all fraudulent behavior to the Federal Communications Commission by [clicking here](#) and filing a claim. For information on Spoofing, visit the FCC's website [here](#) to learn more.

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