

The first scam involves the victim receiving a phone call from a person identifying themselves as Sheriff Deputies and the scammers inform the victim they have missed jury duty and must pay a fine or face being arrested. The victim is then instructed to purchase a MoneyPak card and provide that information over the phone to prevent the victim's arrest.

If a citizen fails to appear for jury duty in Shawnee County a post card will be mailed to your address with information on how to contact the jury coordinator. The second scam we are seeing in Shawnee County involves a caller portraying themselves as the IRS. The caller claims the victim owes money to the IRS and if they do not pay the debt over the phone with Money Cards they will be arrested.

If you receive a call from a subject requesting money or private information over the phone to prevent your arrest, please hang up immediately. If you are concerned if the call was real, please contact the company represented during the phone call directly.

The third scam involves US Postal Service drop boxes within Shawnee County. The scammers are placing sticky traps attached to a string on the inside of the drop box and when the citizen places their mail in the drop box it adheres to the sticky trap and is retrieved later by thieves. Please look closely at all drop boxes and if a sticky trap is located please contact your local law enforcement agency.

The Sheriff's Office recommends dropping mail off at your local post office or other establishments with post office outlets.

Thank you for your time.