



# Local Government Scams on the Rise

## Community Protection Division

### Boulder County District Attorney's Office

#### Localized Government Scams

Scammers are always trying to separate community members from their hard-earned money and creating new scams that may look like they are coming from credible local sources. Below are some of the scams to be aware of:

✓ **Local Elections Donation Requests.** Scammers pretending to be local elected officials like a Commissioner or Sheriff. **A local official will never reach out to you requesting a donation out of nowhere.**

👤 **You missed jury duty!** An imposter pretending to be a Sheriff's Deputy contacts you because there is a warrant for your arrest for missing jury duty. **STOP!** While they may be using the real name of a Sheriff's Deputy, please know that no one from the Sheriff's Office will reach out for payment of a warrant.

🏛️ **Pretend Boulder County Government Departments.** Do you receive public benefits or services from Boulder County? **Watch out! There are scammers pretending to be with fake Boulder County Departments with names like "Department of Accountability" or "Division of Public Benefits".**

💰 **Did that property tax information actually come from the Boulder County Assessor?** Scammers often will mail out false property tax information and wait for your call to their 800-number phones. **Don't call the number,** instead call the Boulder County Assessor's office or Treasurer's office about your property tax information.

💵 **Setting up fake charities to take donations for victims in hard-hit areas.** Be suspicious of random phone calls, emails, text messages, or mailings from charities that you have not opted into receiving information from.

#### What You Can Do

⚠️ **Be alert and have a healthy suspicion** of unknown phone numbers, emails, text messages, and even door-to-door salespeople.

💵 If someone wants a donation in cash, by gift card, or cryptocurrency **don't do it.**

❓ **Question the legitimacy** of information and who it is coming from

🔍 **Do your homework** before donating

- Check that a charity is legitimate at the Colorado Secretary of State's Office 303-894-2200 <https://www.coloradosos.gov/>

📱 **Contact the legitimate organization** involved:

- Boulder County Commissioners Office 303-441-3500
- Boulder or Longmont Courts Jury Commissioner 720-664-1509
- Housing & Human Services 303-441-1000
- City of Boulder Municipal Court 303-441-3419
- City of Longmont Municipal Court 303-774-4804
- Assessor's Office 303-441-3530
- Treasurer's Office 303-441-3520
- Sheriff's Office 303-441-4444

**If you need assistance in determining the legitimacy of a call, email, text message, or otherwise, call the Community Protection Division with questions, or to Report a Scam at 303-441-3700**



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