



# SCAM ALERT

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We have recently become aware of a nationwide **scam targeting physicians and other health care providers demanding providers send money or send gift cards** to the scammer (who is falsely claiming to be a law enforcement officer), **or face arrest for missing a deposition or a court date**. In certain instances, the caller ID was manipulated (aka phone spoofing) to make it appear that the call was coming from a law enforcement agency, even though that was not actually the case.

**If you receive a phone call from any person stating that you will be arrested, or otherwise threatened with a sanction, if you do not provide something of value to the caller,**

**DO NOT FALL FOR THIS SCAM!!**

Keep these below tips in mind regarding deposition and court testimony:

- ✓ No law enforcement officer, court, or agency will force you to pay any fine immediately, without giving you an opportunity to seek legal advice.
- ✓ If you have failed to appear as a witness, a court or law enforcement officer will not legally address your non-appearance with a request for immediate payment by phone or internet.
- ✓ If any non UF Health third-party such as a purported law enforcement officer contacts you regarding an alleged missed deposition, subpoena, or court appearance, ask for caller's phone number and advise you will call them back with the assistance of your UF Health lawyer. A legitimate caller will provide you with their phone number and welcome a return call that includes your UF Health lawyer. A scam caller will not provide you with their phone number.

**Remember, if an unsolicited caller makes any type of legal threat, the call should be immediately discontinued. Do not hesitate to contact your Office of General Counsel should you have questions.**

**Also, if a caller contacts you purporting to be a representative of a current or former patient regarding a patient care legal concern, contact our office (SIP) immediately at 352-273-7006, or toll-free at 844 MY FL SIP (844-693-5747).**