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Scammers target Potential Jurors and Bar Members of the District Court of Puerto Rico.

<u>October 10, 2019 (San Juan, PR)</u>: In the District Court of Puerto Rico, several jurors and bar members have informed the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico ("USDCPR") that they have received emails from an individual named Barbara F. Kremer (bkremerbf@bright.net), falsely claiming to be the secretary of the Clerk of Court Maria Antongiorgi-Jordán, requesting feedback of a supposed updated case document, which is enclosed as an attachment. When the attachment is opened, the document contains a URL link to an unknown site, which requests an email account and password.

These emails are fraudulent and are not connected with the U.S. Courts.

Members of the public also are warned about any request to provide confidential information in response to callers or to an email. The USDCPR does not ask for sensitive information such as a Social Security number, driver's license number, or mother's maiden name, in a telephone call or email.

Initial contact between a federal court and a prospective juror will be through the U.S. mail to complete a juror qualification questionnaire (some jurors may subsequently go online to a secure court website to complete that questionnaire.) Phone contact by federal court officials to potential jurors or bar members will <u>never</u> include requests for Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, or any other sensitive information. If you receive an email or call asking for this information, or if you have questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk of Court at 787-772-3012 or visit the USDCPR website at http://www.prd.uscourts.gov.

To learn more about juror scams, see the U.S. Courts webpage.

For additional information, please contact the USDCPR at 787-772-3000.

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