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## Text Scam Alert

Sacramento, CA — Sacramento Superior Court has been notified of an active “smishing” campaign in California.

Smishing is a cybercrime in which text messages are sent pretending to be from reputable companies to convince individuals to share personal information, such as passwords or credit card numbers, and install malicious software via links attached to the message received by the targeted individual.

The court has become aware that messages impersonating court staff and trusted court organizations meant to trick message recipients have been circulating. The court asks the public to be mindful of text messages received from unfamiliar numbers and scrutinize them carefully.

As a precaution, if you receive a smishing message:

- Do not click on any links or attachments in the message.
- Do not reply to the sender.
- Delete the message, report it to junk/spam, or block the number.

*The image is an example of a smishing text message being circulated.*

