

Public Advisory: "Court Notice" Email Scam

The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia has learned of an email scam in which an email appears to be an official email from a Virginia or federal court and falsely claims to be about an upcoming court case. The email may include words such as "Notice to Appear in Court" or "Court Notice" in the subject line or in the body of the email. The email provides information for the recipient to contact the court, lending a sense of legitimacy to the scam.

The email instructs the recipient to review an attached notice or click on a link provided in the email. When the recipient opens the attachment or clicks on the link, a computer virus infects the recipient's computer. Please be advised that such email is not from a court, nor is it about a court case, but a scam designed to infect the recipient's computer with a virus.

Virginia's circuit and district courts do not conduct business by sending unsolicited email messages. If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from a Virginia trial court:

- **Do not open any attachments, click on any links, or unsubscribe - doing so may install the malware/virus onto your computer.**
- **Delete the email.**
- **If you are uncertain about the legitimacy of the email, contact information for all courts can be found on [Virginia's Judicial System Web site](#).**