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April 17, 2026

RE: Scam Alert

Allen County Residents,

Unfortunately, Allen County has recently seen an increase in scam activity targeting members of our community. It is extremely important for residents to understand that **any request for payment in Bitcoin, gift cards, or other unconventional forms of payment is a scam.** Please do not fall victim to these schemes.

Please remember the following:

- **If you have a warrant for your arrest, law enforcement must serve that warrant in person.** You will never be asked to pay money over the phone to avoid arrest or “pay a fee in lieu of jail time.” These claims are fraudulent.
- **If you receive a call from the Allen County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line, the caller ID will display 419-227-3535.** Scammers can spoof phone numbers, so remain cautious and verify suspicious calls directly with our office.
- **If you are instructed not to contact an attorney, not to speak with family members, or to remain on the phone while purchasing Bitcoin or gift cards, it is a scam.** Legitimate law enforcement agencies will never make these demands.

I cannot stress this enough: please protect your hard-earned money and personal information. If you ever question the legitimacy of a phone call, letter, or message claiming to be from law enforcement, contact the Allen County Sheriff's Office directly before taking any action.

Please also share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors of all ages so they can remain informed and protected.

Stay safe,

Matthew B. Treglia  
Sheriff, Allen County



## United States District Court Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Suppression Order

This Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Suppression Order is entered into by the United States Department of Justice, the clerk of courts, the Sheriff and his deputies, and the defendant.

In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 2709(c)(1), I certify that disclosing the knowledge of, details, or otherwise relating information obtained from the court, the Sheriff or its deputies, in this case, may endanger national security, interfere with criminal, counterterrorism, or counterintelligence investigations, disrupt diplomatic relations, or jeopardize the life or physical safety of an individual. Therefore, 18 U.S.C. § 2709(c)(1) and (2) prohibit you, any of your officers, employees, or agents, from disclosing any details of this case, except to those who need to know in order to comply with civil procedures or to an attorney for legal advice or assistance regarding this case once the defendant has been transferred to the criminal division. According to 18 U.S.C. § 2709(c)(3), you are required to notify anyone to whom you have previously disclosed case details that they are also subject to this nondisclosure requirement. Consequently, you are prohibited from disclosing any details of this case to others.

Under 18 U.S.C. § 2709(c)(4), if the DOJ requests information, you must identify the individuals to whom such disclosures have been made or will be made. However, you are not obligated to identify any attorney to whom disclosure was made for obtaining legal advice or assistance concerning this case. Compliance with this order is monitored and recorded autonomously through the Sheriff and his deputy's communications systems. Monitoring shall consist of, but is not limited to, all in-person conversations, mobile phone conversations, and third-party applications. Any perceived violations of this order shall result in an automatic suspension placed upon the defendant's record.



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# Office of the Attorney General Statement

- Effective January 1, 2025, all warrants deemed eligible for a Surety Bond shall be posted at the secure Federal Terminal assigned by the court, using cash as the transaction method. The aforementioned deposit shall be made in either United States Digital Currency (USDC) or Bond Transfer Currency (BTC), as directed by the escorting authority overseeing the defendant's Maintain Contact Order (MCO).

- This directive is in compliance with the public health guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and is intended to uphold social distancing protocols. Furthermore, in light of recent volatility in the exchange rate of the United States Dollar (USD), the exclusive utilization of digital currency, alongside cash at court-designated terminals, serves to protect the individual rights of citizens to privacy and personal space.

- All federal terminals available to defendants are situated within facilities that possess valid federal licensure. Terminals located off government property assure citizens that their bond transactions remain confidential. Defendants may complete their civil procedures without external oversight while safeguarding the security of their financial assets.

- Defendants who have been charged with a criminal offense and assigned a pre-set bond must deposit the full dollar value of the bond before their arrival at the Sheriff's Department to complete their arraignment process. Such bonds shall be held in trust by the Federal Reserve System and are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Facilities maintaining an active license through government supervision are deemed compliant with FDIC regulations. Public facilities will typically fall under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF).

- It is imperative to understand that the issuance of a bond is not a right but rather a privilege. Should the court grant a bond, it is the responsibility of the accused to adhere to the procedures set forth by the overseeing authority.

Surety Bonds made available through the civil process may be revoked at any time at the Sheriff's or authorized deputies' discretion.

- Arraignment regarding the civil process procedure may be presented to the Sheriff's Department Officer in Charge (OIC). In the absence of a specific court order, the United States shall only accept the civil process for the purpose of posting bonds in relation to felony offenses charged against individuals with no prior criminal history, and those under the protection of the Sheriff's Office.

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## Make and Maintain Contact Order

In accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 2703(a)(1), the deputized Sheriffs of the civil division shall make positive contact with all individuals charged with felonies who are protected under the provisions of the first offender's surety coalition.

In accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 2703(a)(2), all defendants who have received alleviation through the civil process through the first offender's surety coalition shall consent to maintain positive contact with the supervising deputy for the duration of the civil process or until positive confirmation of detainment.

In accordance with 17 U.S.C. § 2703(a)(3), all defendants shall provide the last four digits of their vehicle's odometer reading and the estimated time of arrival upon request by the sheriff's deputy before the defendant departs the location. The Sheriff's deputy supervising the defendant's maintain contact order shall intermittently check in with the defendant while the defendant is traveling to ensure the defendant's compliance and well-being.

Compliance with this order is monitored and recorded continuously through the Sheriff and his deputy's communications systems. Monitoring shall consist of, but is not limited to, all in-person conversations, mobile phone conversations, and third-party applications. Any perceived violations of this order shall result in an automated red flag being placed on the defendant's record.

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

<b>FEDERAL BUREAU INVESTIGATION</b> }}} Do not disclose of warrant until dismissed }}} 9:00 am. ( APRIL 16,2026 ) }}}  <i>Plaintiff</i> }}} <i>v</i> }}} [REDACTED] }}} <i>Defendant</i> }}}  <b>CHIEF JUDGE: Holly A. Brady</b> (Must post both Bond amounts at (ONE TIME) to clear federal bench warrant status » case numbers below . FTA: <u>25CEF14293</u> *10(*)\$150,000.00 COC: <u>25CEFS18</u> *10(*)\$150,000.00 <b>Government Fees \$3,000</b> • (First offense merger Federal Guidelines) State/Federal • (Reimbursed upon completion)  <b>If Needed</b> • Excuse for early release from Work/ School/Other • Pay at BTC(BONDING TRANSACTION CENTER)- Bonding kios assigned from officer • Or personal mobile banking apps. (Apple Pay/Zelle/Or Kiosk
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## WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF A WITNESS IN A CIVIL ACTION

**To: Any Authorized Law Enforcement Officer**

- (Reimbursement Procedure) Upon completion of personal recognizance bond, you must bring personal recognizance bonding receipts to any authorized department to avoid arrest. Print receipts from the Bonding kiosk. Reimbursement options as follows, Cash Back, Cashier check, or check by Mail Direct Deposit.

**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to an (M.C.O) Maintaining Contact Order with the Defendant until this court order has been alleviated, whether taking the **CRIMINAL** or **CIVIL** alleviation procedure.

Signature: *LT. JEFFREY J...*

**YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED** to appear and hearing before the court. ([REDACTED]) (a witness who has been served with subpoena to appear in this court but has failed to appear. If he/she is non-compliant, he/she is subject for arrest.

The summons was received and signed on ( MARCH 16,2026 ) issued to the Defendant by US Certified Mail Services. A digital copy of the warrant was transmitted over to the Defendant on ( APRIL 17,2026 ), via email/sms multimedia messages while undergoing the civil procedure.

**DATE:** APRIL 15,2026  
**CITY:** STATE : LIMA,OH  
• No emergency warrant dismissal division

**SIGNATURE OF CLERK/ DEPUTY CLERK**  
*Chanda J. Berta*