

Text Scammers Posing as State Agency

Guidance offered by agency on how to avoid disclosing sensitive information

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is warning Kentuckians of continued reports of fraudulent text messages sent out, impersonating their agency. These messages contain links that look similar to Kentucky government website addresses.

recommendations below to avoid disclosing sensitive information to scammers.

Tips to Spot a Scam Text

KYTC does not collect traffic ticket fees or notify customers of violations using text messages.

Government websites

driver services is drive.ky.gov. Websites that mimic that address are likely a scam.

Be aware that what you see on a text or email could say the correct thing, but that doesn't mean you will go to the right place when you click on them. When someone inserts a link in a text

suspicious message to 7726 (SPAM) to alert your mobile provider.

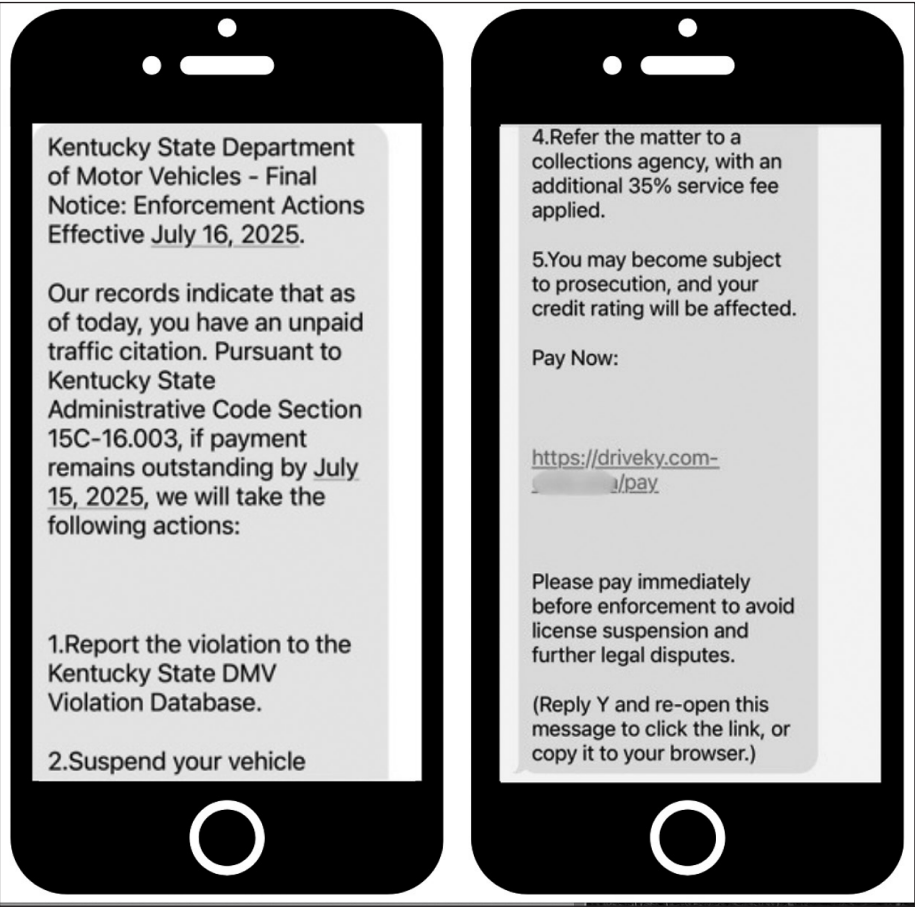
If you aren't sure it is a scam, look up the agency in the phone book or call directory assistance (411) and then call the agency directly. Never use the phone number that comes in any text or email that you have even the slightest reason to suspect.

the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General, ag.ky.gov.

Local law enforcement doesn't have the manpower, equipment or training to pursue these criminals. That includes the local police in Louisville, Atlanta and so on.

Texts are for

communicating with family and friends. You can be notified of weather, missing persons and other such things via text if you sign up for those services. Police, the courts, and other such agencies do not use text messages to collect fines, fees, threaten you with jail or "Loss of Driving Privileges."



accuse phone customers of unpaid traffic tickets and say that a "DMV violation" will be reported and "driving privileges" will be suspended if payment is not sent immediately.

The agency reports they are taking steps to have the fraudulent websites taken down. Kentuckians are encouraged to follow the tips and

end in .gov, but never .com, .net, or anything else.

The only 'KDOT' is a radio station in Nevada. Kansas' agency is KSDOT. Kentucky, being a commonwealth, has cabinet agencies and doesn't have a 'DMV.' Any messages using those terms are a scam.

Kentucky's website for motor vehicle and

or email they have the option of changing what the reader sees as the link's destination, and editing where the link actually goes.

If You Receive a Fraudulent Text

Do not click the link.

Forward the

If You Were Fooled

Anyone who may have provided any personal information to criminals should contact their bank immediately and tell them everything.

Your banker can help you cancel any cards, credit or debit, you may have given criminals access to.

They can also advise you on how to monitor your credit going forward; ensure your retirement and other accounts aren't emptied; lock down your credit, so your home is less likely to be sold or mortgaged by someone; prevent others from taking out new loans in your name; generally take the steps you can to try to ensure that your identity will not be used by others.

Seeking Retribution



The agencies charged with fighting these crimes are the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), ic3.gov; the Federal Trade Commission, reportfraud.ftc.gov and

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Pursuant to orders of the Russell Circuit Court, as Special Master Commissioner of the Court I shall offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at public auction the RUSSELL COUNTY PROPERTY listed below on **FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. EDT in the lobby of the WAYNE COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, 100 WEST COLUMBIA AVENUE, MONTICELLO, KENTUCKY.** NOTE: Bryant Realty And Auction Company will sell the property under the direction of the Master Commissioner, and A BUYER'S PREMIUM OF SIX PERCENT (6.00%) SHALL BE ADDED TO THE WINNING BID PRICE TO DETERMINE THE FINAL TOTAL SALE PRICE. This property is being sold upon the following TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- On the sale date the successful bidder shall EITHER (1) pay by cash or good check the full winning bid amount AND the 6% buyer's premium, or (2) make a deposit of TEN PERCENT (10.00%) of the SUM of the full winning bid amount AND the 6.00% buyer's premium, and then (3) pay the balance due within THIRTY (30) DAYS. IF THE PURCHASER IS NOT PAYING THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE ON THE DATE OF SALE, ANOTHER PERSON ACCEPTABLE TO THE MASTER COMMISSIONER AS SURETY MUST BE PRESENT ON THE PURCHASER'S BEHALF TO SIGN A BOND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. The bond BEARS INTEREST at rate of 12.00% PER ANNUM from sale date until paid; bond has the same force and effect as a judgment; and it remains a lien on the property until the balance of the winning bid amount (purchase price), the 6.00% buyer's premium, and the interest due on said balance are paid in full.
- Purchaser must pay all taxes/assessments on the property for 2025 and thereafter. Taxes / assessments on the property for prior years are paid from sale proceeds.
- Property is otherwise sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances, except easements and restrictions of record in the Russell County Court Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of parties to the case.
- A Master Commissioner's Sale / Deed is not warranty of good title. Purchasers take possession of property with receipt of the Commissioner's Deed. Purchasers assume and are responsible for all risks of loss to the premises upon acceptance of their bid by the Master Commissioner at the sale.

Bidders should examine the records of the Russell Circuit Clerk and the Russell County Clerk prior to the sale for further information. Any statements made the day of the sale take precedence over advertised material. Bidders should be prepared to promptly comply with these terms.

Samuel J. Tarter, Plaintiff, VS. Godfrey T. JONES, Johnna Davenport, Ashley Anderson, Unknown Heirs of Jim Burchett, Unknown Heirs of Estill Burchett, Unknown Heirs of Willie Burchett, Unknown Heirs of Clara Oliver, and Unknown Heirs of Ray Burchett, Defendants; Civil Action No. 24-CI-00115; interest rate on balance of purchase price if not paid in full on sale date is 12% per annum. Property Description: see Deed Book W, Page 237, Russell County Clerk's Office, Jamestown KY.

JOHN PAUL JONES II
SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER
RUSSELL CIRCUIT COURT

Community Calendar

Southern Gospel Singing

Egypt Christian Church is hosting a big Southern Gospel Singing Sunday August 3rd. The Mark Tramell Quartet from Asheville, North Carolina will be performing. Start time is 6:30pm. Egypt Christian Church is located on Highway 551 in Adair County. For more information call 270-634-4468.

Lucinda Cemetery

Lucinda cemetery has served our family and others for generations. It's a place of peace and remembrance — but keeping it that way requires ongoing care and steady funding. Mowing grass, repairing fences, restoring headstones, and maintaining safe, welcoming grounds all take time and money. We're asking our family, friends, and neighbors to help keep this resting place beautiful for generations to come. Every dollar goes directly toward caring for the cemetery and honoring the loved ones who rest there. Your gift, no matter the size, helps us continue this important work and preserve a place where we can gather, remember, and reflect. Thank you for your kindness and support. Please make checks out to Lucinda Cemetery. Mail to Lucinda Cemetery c/o Denise Whitaker 582 Hurst School Road, McKee, KY 40447. The 2026 Board Meetings will be January 12th and July 13th @ 6:00 p.m. CST via Zoom. Please contact Denise at LEAST 24 hours prior to the meeting for the access code or if you have any questions by either calling her at 606-308-3835 or by email bernise777@gmail.com.

Free Aquatic Exercise Classes

Free aquatic exercise classes will be held at Russell Springs City Park pool every Mon/Wed/Fri starting June 2 until Aug 29 from 9:00-10:00am. Sponsored by Russell Co Hospital Physical Therapy.

Senior Community Service Employment Program

Accepting applications for part-time positions in Adair, Clinton, Cumberland, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne, and Whitley. Must be 55+ years of age, meet limited income guidelines, be unemployed and looking for employment. Call Connie Foster at 606-210-1129 or Jolene Aleman at 270-566- 5316 or visit www.goodwill.org/SCSEP Let us help you re-enter the workforce!

D.A.V. Meeting

The D.A.V. meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. CST at 155 Owentown School Road Russell Springs, KY

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly is a weight loss support program whose goal is to help men/women/youth to become healthier by losing weight in a sensible manner. The local chapter, TOPS 396 Russell Springs meets Mondays at 5pm at Liberty Baptist Church, 215 Wilson Street in Russell Springs. Online memberships and virtual chapter memberships are also available. Yearly membership dues are less than \$50, first visit is free. Questions? Text/call Bonnie, chapter leader, 270-566-1284 or visit TOPS.Club.org

God's Food Pantry of Russell County

God's Food Pantry of Russell County God's Food Pantry of Russell County is open Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 12:00-4:00 PM. The pantry is located at 101 Brian Walters Dr. In Russell Springs. Call for information 270-866-7992.

Alcoholics Anonymous(AA) Men

Monday nights at SPARC(Sobriety, Peace, Awareness, and Recovery) 270-585-5377 at 6:00 PM

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM, First Baptist Church, Russell Springs, KY. Sunday nights at 5:15(meal) 6:00 P.M. Large Group, The Springs, 226 Jamestown St., Russell Springs. Monday nights at 6:00 P.M. Solid Rock Church 189 West Drive Russell Springs.