WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 Beware of Fraudulent NYS Attorney General's Office Debt Collection Notices

New York State officials have issued an alert based on complaints received from consumers who were recently contacted by scam artists posing as an attorney from the New York State Attorney General's Office.

The consumers received a notice, written on doctored New York State Attorney General letterhead, that claimed to be a "District Court Final Warning" letter. The notice reportedly gives the impression that the Attorney General is investigating the consumer for the failure to pay a past due debt. The letters also threaten criminal action and arrest if the debts are not paid.

The fake notices are reportedly coming as either a paper letter or an email.

The state's alert comes just one week after consumers reported receiving unsolicited phone calls from a someone posing as an attorney from the New York State Attorney General's Office.

More information, and tips on how to avoid government imposter debt collection scams can be found here: <u>http://tinyurl.com/oq8lx52</u>

Steven Getman Seneca County Attorney, 2002-2007: http://tinyurl.com/70lnrjl

Steven Getman Attorney Midey & Swinehart, 1995-2001: http://tinyurl.com/c8wp96r

Steven Getman Attorney: <u>http://tinyurl.com/c93yk9y</u>

Steven Getman County Assigned Counsel, 2008-2011: http://tinyurl.com/7t27nll

Steven Getman Seneca County Stop-DWI Coordinator, 2007: http://tinyurl.com/cxtjfyb

Steven Getman Seneca County Social Services Attorney, 1995-2001: http://tinyurl.com/6oxk5vo

Steven Getman Seneca County Public Defender, 1995: http://tinyurl.com/72opsae

Steven Getman Seneca County Law Guardian Panel, 1992-1995: http://tinyurl.com/ckcv7cp