

Judiciary alerts public to fraudulent summonses

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary today (January 30) urged the public to stay alert to fraudulent summonses purportedly issued by the Judiciary.

The Judiciary recently received public enquiries about a number of suspicious Summons to Defendant received through electronic means bearing the case number "ESS13563/2024", requesting the addressees to attend a hearing at a Magistrates' Court or pay a fine. The Judiciary clarified that these suspicious summonses were not issued by the Judiciary. The Judiciary has reported the case to the Police.

A Summons to Defendant issued by the Judiciary shall either be served by post or by hand, and will not bear the image of any identification documents. The Judiciary will not serve a Summons to Defendant by electronic means.

The Judiciary reminds members of the public to stay alert to any suspected fraudulent summons, and not to follow any instructions or requests from them. They should report the matter to the Police if in doubt.