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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
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**WARNING:
BOGUS PHONE CALLS ON JURY SERVICE MAY LEAD TO FRAUD**

In various parts of the United States, citizens are being targeted by phone calls and threatened with prosecution for failing to comply with jury service in federal or state courts.

In the calls, the threat of a fine for shirking jury service is used to coerce those called into providing confidential data, potentially leading to identity theft. These calls are NOT from real court officials.

Federal Courts do not require anyone to provide any sensitive information in a telephone call. Most contact between a federal court and a prospective juror will be through the U.S. Mail, and any phone contact by real court officials will not include requests for social security numbers, credit card numbers, or any other sensitive information.

If you receive a call from someone requesting personal information and claiming to be an officer of this court, please try to obtain a name and call back number for the individual. Then, contact your local police and the Clerk's office immediately at 225-389-3500.