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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 and fraud. 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.

Jury duty is a vital civic responsibility and should be taken seriously by all citizens. However, it is a crime for anyone to falsely represent himself or herself as a federal court official. The federal judiciary takes seriously such an offense.

Persons receiving such a telephone call should not provide the requested information, and should notify the Jury Staff in the Division closest to their residence. The MDJL Jury Staff can be reached at the following telephone numbers:

Fort Myers Division	239-461-2010
Jacksonville Division	904-549-6001
Ocala Division	352-369-4865
Orlando Division	407-835-4330
Tampa Division	813-301-5475 or 813-301-5452

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Jacksonville Division  
U.S. Courthouse  
300 North Hogan Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Ocala Division  
U.S. Courthouse  
207 N.W. Second Ave.  
Ocala, FL 34475

Orlando Division  
U.S. Courthouse  
80 N. Hughey Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32801

Tampa Division  
U.S. Courthouse  
801 N. Florida Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33602

Fort Myers Division  
U.S. Courthouse  
2110 First Street  
Fort Myers, FL  
33901