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BOGUS PHONE CALLS ON JURY SERVICE MAY LEAD TO FRAUD

Throughout the United States, including in Minnesota, 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 such offenses seriously.

Anyone receiving such a phone call should not provide the requested information and should immediately contact the Clerk's Office by calling 612-664-5000.

For more information on jury phone scams, visit the [uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov) website at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/JuryService/JurorScams.aspx>