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Fraud Involving Jurors and Internal Revenue Service

A number of federal courts have reported that citizens in their districts are being targeted by individuals who claim to work at the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The person calling from the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service leaves a message about a “final call for federal grand jury service”. The citizens are being threatened with warrants for arrest if they do not comply. Please note that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is in charge of the collection of federal tax debts. To check for any outstanding federal tax debt, contact the IRS at (800) 913-6050.

Please do not provide these individuals with any personal information and instead immediately contact the Southern District of Florida Jury section at **(800) 865-1775 or (305) 523-5190**.

These jury scams are occurring with increasing frequency across the county. The federal courts never ask prospective jurors to provide sensitive information, such as Social Security or credit card numbers, by email. Anyone receiving a message, phone call or email of this nature should contact the clerk's office at [their nearest district court](#).

Please contact Steven M. Larimore, Court Administrator • Clerk of Court, if you have any questions.

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