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Fraud Involving eJuror Program

A number of federal courts have reported that citizens in their districts are being targeted by a juror phishing email that asks recipients to provide personal identifiers (SSN, DOB, mother's maiden name, etc.) on an attached PDF form and emailed back to the originator. This scam differs from previous incidents in its use of "eJuror" as the alleged source of the email and its attempt to obtain personal identifiers.

While our court like many federal courts does use the "eJuror" system, jurors in the Southern District of Florida will first receive a jury summons via U.S. mail. Jurors are given the option to return the written questionnaire via regular mail or to fill out a questionnaire through our eJuror system by logging onto a secure on-line connection. The eJuror program never requests that personal identification information be sent directly in an email response. Please do not complete these pdfs, 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. According to the U.S. Courts <u>web page</u> and <u>video</u>, federal courts never ask prospective jurors to provide sensitive information, such as Social Security or credit card numbers, by email. Anyone receiving an 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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