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**Jury Rigged**

**Scam: Identity thieves trick the unwary into revealing their personal details by telling them they've failed to report for jury duty and warrants for their arrest are being issued.**



Here's a new twist scammers are using to commit identity theft: the jury duty scam. Here's how it works:

The scammer calls claiming to work for the local court and claims you've failed to report for jury duty. He tells you that a warrant has been issued for your arrest. The victim will often rightly claim they never received the jury duty notification. The scammer then asks the victim for confidential information for "verification" purposes. Specifically, the scammer asks for the victim's Social Security number, birth date, and sometimes even for credit card numbers and other private information – exactly what the scammer needs to commit identity theft. So far, this jury duty scam has been reported in Michigan, Ohio, Texas, Arizona, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington state.



It's easy to see why this works. The victim is clearly caught off guard, and is understandably upset at the prospect of a warrant being issued for his or her arrest. So, the victim is much less likely to be vigilant about protecting their confidential information. In reality, court workers will never call you to ask for social security numbers, and other private information. In fact, most courts follow up via snail mail and rarely, if ever, call prospective jurors.

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This jury duty scam is the latest in a series of identity theft scams where scammers use the phone to try to get people to reveal their Social Security number, credit card numbers or other personal confidential information.

It doesn't matter "why" they are calling – all the reasons are just different variants of the same scam. Protecting yourself is simple: **Never give this info out when you receive a phone call.**

**Origins:** This helpful heads-up began appearing in inboxes in August 2005. While this particular attempt to coerce information from potential identity theft victims is not new, it is real. In a number of U.S. states, con artists have been contacting people by phone to assert those they've targeted have evaded jury duty and announce warrants are being issued for their arrest. When the about-to-be-duped protest that they never received such notifications, that surely a mistake has been made, the sharpies go after what they really want, which is their pigeons' personal and financial information. Under threat of being hauled off in paddy wagons unless they succeed in straightening out this terrible mess, many folks who would otherwise be more wary about what they reveal of their personal data will find themselves reeling off their birth dates and social security and credit card numbers. They want to convince their callers the notifications that never arrive actually went to other addresses or were never meant for them in the first place.

However, these calls conclude – whether those who have been approached are left with the impression they've failed to show up for jury duty and are still expected to discharge their civic duties, or that a big misunderstanding has now been resolved – their true purpose has been accomplished: the scam artists now have the information necessary to open accounts or charge goods in the names of their victims.

The scheme outlined in this message might be categorized as a "social engineering" scam – a technique which preys upon people's unquestioning acceptance of authority and willingness to cooperate in order to extract from them sensitive information.

The Superior Court of California has posted an alert on its web site, warning that identity thieves posing as court officials have been trying to get confidential information through phone calls about jury duty. Once again, callers have been telling potential victims they failed to report for jury duty, then demanding their Social Security numbers. While court personnel may occasionally call people at home, they never ask for Social Security numbers or personal identifying information.

Though the "jury duty" information phishing scheme is not new, it has been heavily put to use around the U.S. in August 2005. Be wary of any calls of this nature and refuse to give out your personal information.



### How to Avoid Falling Victim to "Jury Duty" Scams:

- Court workers will not telephone to say you've missed jury duty or that they are assembling juries and need to pre-screen those who might be selected to serve on them, so dismiss as fraudulent phone calls of this nature. About the only time you would hear by telephone (rather than by mail) about anything having to do with jury service would be after you have mailed back your completed questionnaire, and even then, only rarely.
- Do not give out bank account, social security, or credit card numbers over the phone if you didn't initiate the call, whether it be to someone trying to sell you something or to someone who claims to be from a bank or government department. If such callers insist upon "verifying" such information with you, have them read the date to you from their notes, with you saying yea or nay to it rather than the other way around.
- Examine your credit card and bank account statements every month, keeping an eye peeled for unauthorized charges. Immediately challenge items you did not approve.

Information from [www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp](http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp)



**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**

**65 REPORTED IN MARCH  
38 REPORTED IN FEBRUARY**

Twenty-six of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 40% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 19 garage entries out of 65 burglaries, or 29% of the entries reported in March.

Thirty-nine of the entries reported to have occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Twenty-six entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were ten attempts without entry. There was one dog door entry; fifteen entries were by force or pry tool; three entries by window smash; two entries by passkeys; five entries by unknown means; one entry with “ house under construction and open”, two entries by force with “house under construction.”

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

**94 REPORTED IN MARCH  
101 REPORTED IN FEBRUARY**

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**65 REPORTED IN MARCH  
49 REPORTED IN FEBRUARY**

**BEAT 2**

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 2 Vehicle Burglaries
- 0 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 467- 1 RD 475 - 1

Streets: Brookhurst, Mahalo (suspect arrested). There was one attempt without entry, one entry by a dog door. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 476 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

None

**BEAT 3**

- 6 Residential Burglaries
- 3 Vehicle Burglaries
- 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 445 - 1 RD 447 - 4  
RD 455 - 1

Streets: Tideland, Ravenwood, Lawson, Harcourt (2 suspects arrested), two entries on Midland (same house). **THERE WAS ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** There were two entries by force or pry tool. One entry by a window smash, one entry by a passkey, and one attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 444 - 2 RD 445 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 446 - 1 RD 447 - 1

**BEAT 4**

- 3 Residential Burglaries
- 6 Vehicle Burglaries
- 3 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 442 - 1 RD 452 - 1  
RD 453 - 1

Streets: Delaware, Alabama, Castilian. **ONE ENTRY BY AN OPEN WINDOW.** One entry by force, one entry by unknown means. There were three garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 433 - 1 RD 443 - 1  
RD 452 - 3 RD 462 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 433 - 1 RD 452 - 1  
RD 463 - 1

**BEAT 5**

- 2 Residential Burglaries
- 1 Vehicle Burglary
- 2 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 436 - 2

Streets: Cornwall and Continental. **TWO ENTRIES BY AN OPEN WINDOW OR DOOR.** There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 436 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 427 - 1 RD 435 - 1

**BEAT 6**

- 4 Residential Burglaries
- 17 Vehicle Burglaries
- 6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 359 - 1 RD 431 - 1  
RD 441 - 1 RD 451 - 1

Streets: 9<sup>th</sup> St., 12<sup>th</sup> St. ;and two entries on Main (suspect arrested). There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 326 - 1 RD 329 - 1  
RD 349 - 6 RD 441 - 1  
RD 451 - 7 RD 461 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 318 - 1 RD 349 - 1  
RD 441 - 2 RD 451 - 2

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**BEAT 7**

17 Residential Burglaries  
7 Vehicle Burglaries  
15 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 292 - 3      RD 412 - 2  
RD 413 - 4      RD 422 - 7  
RD 423 - 1

Streets : Quebec, Lori, Beachpoint, Amberleaf, Pueblo, Carolyn, Demion, Ellis, Newhaven, two entries each on Huntington, Florida, Delaware and Clay.

**EIGHT ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

Four attempts without entry, one entry by unknown means and four entries by force or pry tool. Suspect in custody in Ellis entry. Suspect seen in RD 413 Pueblo attempt described as: M/White, 5'10", 180 lbs., black hair. There were four garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 292 - 1      RD 293 - 2  
RD 413 - 1      RD 421 - 2  
RD 422 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 292 - 1      RD 293 - 3  
RD 411 - 1      RD 413 - 4  
RD 421 - 1      RD 422 - 5

**BEAT 8**

2 Residential Burglaries  
5 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 178 - 1      RD 179 - 1

Streets: Mira Loma and Capstone.

**ONE ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED DOOR.**

One entry by unknown means. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 176 - 2      RD 177 - 3

Grand Theft Autos

RD 177 - 1      RD 179 - 1  
RD 187 - 1      RD 189 - 1

**BEAT 9**

5 Residential Burglaries  
17 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 273 - 1      RD 282 - 2  
RD 283 - 2

Streets: Blaylock, Baron, Sergio and two entries on Slater. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool, and one entry by unknown means. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 263 - 1      RD 271 - 1  
RD 272 - 2      RD 273 - 6  
RD 282 - 2      RD 283 - 5

Grand Theft Autos

RD 263 - 1      RD 272 - 2  
RD 273 - 1

**BEAT 10**

8 Residential Burglaries  
8 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 153 - 1      RD 163 - 3  
RD 165 - 2      RD 172 - 1  
RD 175 - 1

Streets: Running Tide, Oceano, Lago, Courtney, Tiara and three entries on Somerset with" house under construction." Four entries by force or pry tool, one open with house under construction, two entries by force with house under construction and one entry by passkey. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 152 - 1      RD 164 - 3  
RD 165 - 2      RD 174 - 1  
RD 175 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 162 - 1      RD 164 - 1  
RD 174 - 1      RD 175 - 1

**BEAT 11**

3 Residential Burglaries  
4 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 156 - 2      RD 157 - 1

Streets: Warren, Schryer and Nassau.

**TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR**

**DOORS.** One entry by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 158 - 2      RD 166 - 1

RD 169 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 156 - 1      RD 166 - 1  
RD 169 - 4

**BEAT 12**

1 Residential Burglary  
9 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 128 - 1

Streets: Larchwood. **ENTRY BY AN UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOOR.**

There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

RD 117 - 1      RD 136 - 1  
RD 139 - 5      RD 148 - 1  
RD 149 - 1

Grand Theft Autos

RD 117 - 1      RD 126 - 1  
RD 127 - 1      RD 128 - 1  
RD 136 - 1      RD 139 - 1

**BEAT 13**

12 Residential Burglaries  
15 Vehicle Burglaries  
13 Grand Theft Autos

Residential Burglaries

RD 149 - 1      RD 242 - 1  
RD 251 - 3      RD 253 - 7

Streets: Red Coach, Huntington Village, Serenade, Magellan, Sunlight and seven entries on San Angelo. **SEVEN**

**ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR**

**DOORS.** Two entries by window smash, one entry by unknown means, one attempt without entry, one entry by force or pry tool. There were seven garage entries due to unlocked doors.

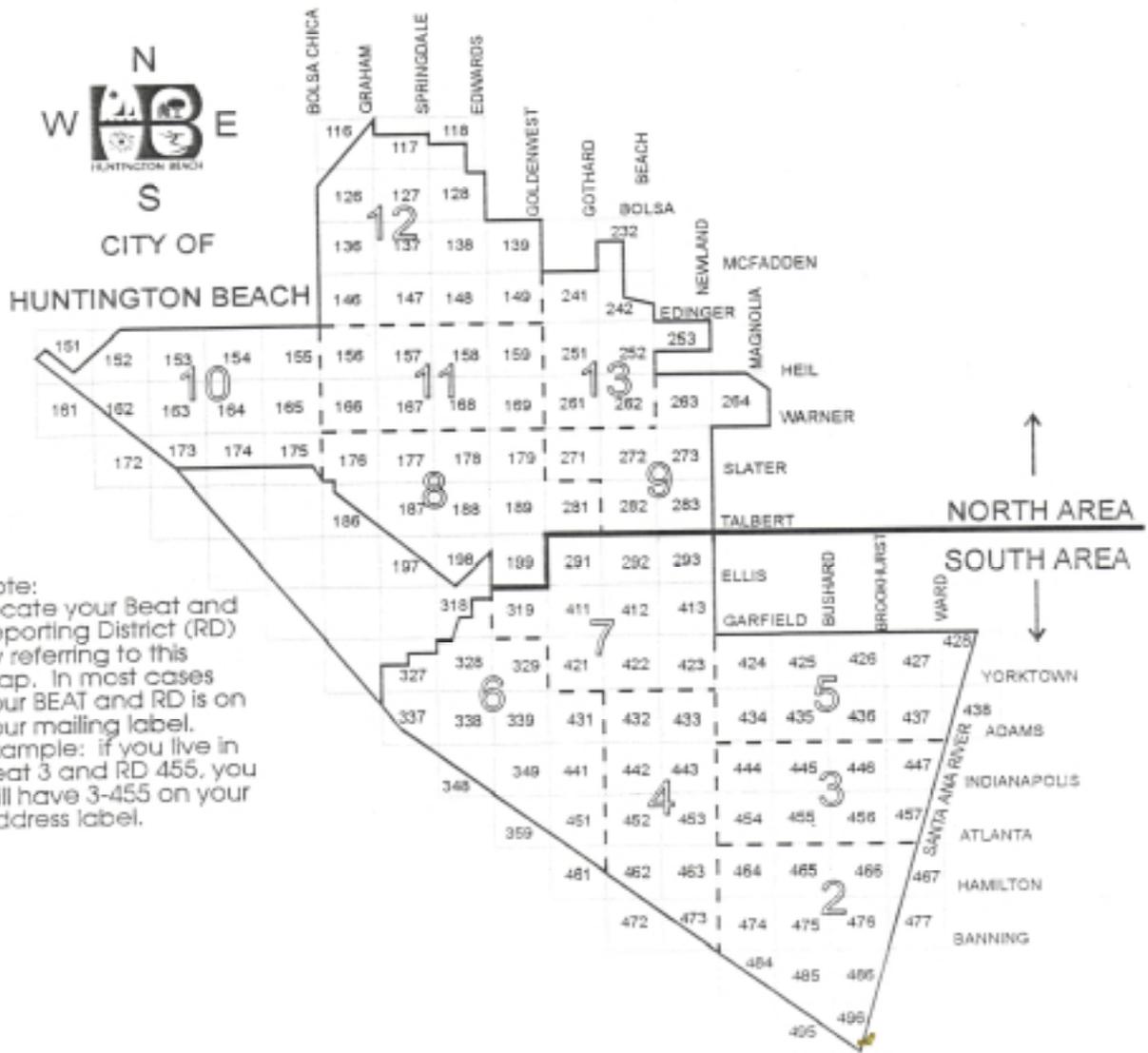
Vehicle Burglaries

RD 241 - 1      RD 242 - 2  
RD 252 - 7      RD 253 - 1  
RD 261 - 2      RD 262 - 2

Grand Theft Autos

RD 241 - 2      RD 242 - 2  
RD 251 - 2      RD 252 - 1  
RD 253 - 2      RD 262 - 4





Note: Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD is on your mailing label. Example: if you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.