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SOLANO SUPERIOR COURT SENDS NOTICES TO NO-SHOW JURORS

Fairfield, California - The Superior Court of California, County of Solano, urges all citizens to perform their civic duty and report for jury service when summoned. Unfortunately, not everyone takes this responsibility seriously. Because the court must protect the integrity of the master jury pool of Solano County, it must take action against those who fail to respond to jury duty notices.

Beginning next week, the Court will send a Notice to Appear letter to jurors who failed to respond to their summons in 2015. The notice orders recipients to appear before a judge on a specific date regarding their failure to report for jury duty. The letter also gives two options to resolve the matter before the due date: report and complete jury service or provide written proof of their ineligibility to serve as a juror.

Failure to respond to the Notice to Appear and a subsequent order to show cause may result in a finding of contempt. Penalties include punishment by a fine of up to \$1,500, incarceration in the county jail for up to 5 days, or both. If you have received a notice since January 1, 2015 and you failed to appear, you may contact jury services to schedule your jury service.

People should consider the positive aspects of jury service. Jury duty can be an enriching and educational experience. Jury Services Manager Sabra Forbes states, "After serving jury duty, many jurors not only express their service as interesting and enlightening, they've also enjoyed being a part of something so important." The very heart of our democratic process relies on every citizen to play his/her part to ensure equal access to justice for all.

The Court requires everyone to take part in this important process. For more information about jury duty, visit the court website at www.solano.courts.ca.gov, then click on "Jury Information."