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YOU ARE BEING SUMMONED FOR JURY DUTY. PLEASE READ THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAREFULLY.

Beginning January 1, 2024, the Tulalip Tribal Court will issue ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE to persons who fail to appear for jury duty when summoned, which means you could be held in contempt of court for failing to appear for jury duty and could be sanctioned by the Court.

What is a jury summons?

It is a court order that calls you to the court to serve on a jury for a criminal case.

How did I get summoned?

You were selected from a pool of persons eligible to serve as a juror under Tulalip law.

Why should I appear?

First, jury trials are a critical part of the Tulalip Tribes criminal justice system because the right to trial by jury is an important right under tribal and federal law and ensuring that right is an important aspect of the Tulalip Tribes' inherent sovereignty.

Second, Tulalip law requires your appearance. You could be held in contempt of court if you do not appear.

How long is a jury trial?

Jury trials generally last 1-3 days with another 1-2 days for the jury to decide its verdict. Complex cases may last longer.

What happens if I don't report for jury duty?

If you do not appear for jury duty and did not obtain an approved *Notice of Hardship* request, the Court will send you an **Order to Show Cause**, which is a court order that **requires** you to come to a hearing on a specific date and time to explain why you did not show up for jury duty.

If the Court finds you did not have a good reason for failing to appear, then you could be found in **contempt of court** and subject to sanctions, which may include a fine or other action. If you do not appear for the show cause hearing, then you will automatically be found in contempt of court and subject to a fine.

Your name will also be returned to the pool of jurors to be summoned for future jury trials.

What happens if I appear and am not selected to be on the jury?

If you are dismissed by the Court, you will be excused from jury duty for the remainder of the current calendar year and should not receive a summons until next year.

What happens if I appear for jury duty and the case is settled?

If you appear for jury duty and the parties settle the case before the jury trial, you will be dismissed from service and excused from jury duty for the remainder of the current calendar year.

What happens if the case is settled before the jury trial date?

If the case is settled before the jury trial date, you will not need to appear for jury duty, but you may be summoned in the future for jury trial.

Do I get paid for jury duty?

Yes, if you are selected as a juror. If you are an employee of the Tulalip Tribes or any of its enterprises, agencies, subdivisions, or instrumentalities, you may be eligible for paid jury duty leave based on your specific organization's policies and procedures.

If you are not an employee of the Tulalip Tribes or any of its enterprises, agencies, subdivisions, or instrumentalities, then you may be eligible for up to \$40 per day compensation and may also be eligible for a mileage allowance at the current tribal rate if you travel over 100 miles roundtrip.

The Court also provides morning and afternoon snacks and drinks for persons who appear for jury duty. Meals are provided for those selected to serve on a jury.

How do I request a hardship?

We understand that serving on a jury can be inconvenient for you because you may have school, employment, health issues, or other issues that could be impacted by potential jury service. If you cannot serve as a juror for what you believe is a good reason, you can submit a *Notice of Hardship* form before the date of the jury trial requesting to be excused from jury service. It is up to the judge to decide if your request should be granted.

I already appeared for jury duty this year and either sat on a jury or was dismissed by the Court. What should I do?

Submit a *Notice of Hardship* form and provide a copy of the document you received from the Court stating that you completed your jury duty service.

I have more questions.

Contact the Tulalip Tribal Court Jury Coordinator at (360) 716-4782 for more information.

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