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Mr. Desmond Lewis 8255 S. Carolina Ave. Gulfport, MS 39501

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Your name was randomly selected to report to County Court in Gulfport for jury duty for the week starting Monday, August 3, 2020. The official summons, advising of your selection, is mailed from the Office of the Circuit Clerk.

A jury of one's peers is a very important element of our judicial system and without you, the jury system can't work the way our founding forefathers intended. Therefore, it is extremely important that you honor your summons. However, if you are unable to appear, please follow the directions on your summons.

I know you are concerned about COVID-19 and CDC guidelines. I will take every precaution to protect you and my staff. Physical (social) distancing will be maintained in the Courtroom and Jury room. However, you are encouraged to please wear a face covering. One will be provided if you do not have one. Please review the attached information sheet.

Finally, cases are sometimes resolved in some manner just prior to trial, <u>SO PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE NUMBER ON YOUR SUMMONS THE SUNDAY NIGHT PRIOR TO YOUR JURY WEEK.</u> Gulfport Message: (228) 865-0319

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to seeing you during the week of August 3, 2020. Please note that cell phones are not permitted through the security checkpoint.

Please be advised, if you have previously been excused via phone message, you should disregard this letter.

Sincerely,

ROBIN ALFRED MIDCALF County Court Judge

^{*}For your comfort, please bring a sweater or light jacket to court with you; and remember I know your time is valuable, we will make every effort to not waste your time.

COVID-19 PRECAUTION INFORMATION

- 1. If you are sick, please do not come to court. No one who is sick or who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be permitted to enter any court facilities.
- 2. Lines may be a little longer than expected.
- 3. Masks or face coverings will be required to enter the facility and must be worn during all times you remain inside the courthouse. Jurors who report for service that do not have face coverings will be provided a mask.
- 4. Physical (social) distancing will be observed.
- 5. Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the courthouse.
- 6. Court personnel will take the temperature of prospective jurors.
- 7. All restrooms are sanitized daily.

Your health and safety is paramount. If you are currently experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with a person who has had these symptoms, please contact the Circuit Clerk at 228-865-4005. Symptoms may include any of the following:

- *Fever or chills
- *Cough
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- *Fatigue
- *Muscle or body aches
- *Headache
- *New loss of taste or smell
- *Sore throat
- *Congestion or runny nose
- *Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea