JURY SUMMONS

TONY M ROOK
OKTIBBEHA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
108 W MAIN STREET
STARKVILLE, MS 39759
(662) 323-1356

July 9, 2020

State of Mississippi County: Oktibbeha

SHAMIA N BELL 159 ALFRED PERKINS ST STARKVILLE, MS 39759

Voter ID:

575385932

Precinct:

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Panel Name: July2020 1St Wk

Sequence No: 52

To: SHAMIA N BELL

You are hereby notified to be and personally appear before the Oktibbeha County Circuit Court in the said state of Mississippi, located at 108 W Main Street, STARKVILLE, MS 39759, on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 8:30 AM to serve as a Juror in said court. If you have any questions about this jury service, please feel free to contact us at (662) 323-1356.

Your failure to report at the Oktibbeha County Circuit Court in the County of Oktibbeha at the time and date set forth above may constitute a contempt of court which is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both.

Cell phones are not allowed in the courtroom. Please leave your cell phone in your vehicle.

Given under my hand and official seal of said Court, at Oktibbeha County, State of Mississippi, on this day July 21, 2020.

TONY M ROOK

Circuit Clerk of Oktibbeha County



Tony M. Rook

Circuit Court Clerk Oktibbeha County

Circuit Court Annex 108 West Main Street, Suite 118 Starkville, Mississippi 39759 Telephone 662-323-1356 · Facsimile 662-323-1121

James T. Kitchens, Jr. Circuit Court Judge

Lee J. Howard Senior Circuit Court Judge

Lee S. Coleman Circuit Court Judge

To:

All Prospective Jurors

From:

Tony M. Rook

Circuit Court Clerk

Date: June 30, 2020

Ref:

Jury Duty for the Term of July 2020

You have been randomly selected by the Statewide Election Management System to serve as a potential iuror for the term of July 2020. The following items are included with this letter:

- 1. Jury Summons: You are ordered to personally appear in the Oktibbeha County Circuit Court located at 108 West Main Street at the date and time noted on your summons.
- 2. Jury Questionnaire: Please complete this questionnaire and submit it to the bailiff's when you enter our building.
- 3. Covid-19 Questionnaire Sheet: Please complete and SIGN this form. Your current temperature will be taken and recorded when you enter our building.
- 4. Exemptions from Jury Service Sheet: I have included a summary of qualifications required for potential jurors. If you feel that you do not meet these qualifications, please contact our office at 662-323-1356 NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm on Monday, July 20, 2020 for further instructions.

*** All Individuals entering our building will be required to bring and wear a face covering/mask at all times. Individuals will be allowed, at their discretion, to bring other personal protective equipment (gloves, small hand sanitizer, etc). Court Personnel will implement measures to increase the safety for all prospective jurors. That does mean, however, that inconveniences may exist.

*** Due to the constantly changing situation with Covid-19, please call 662-323-1400 the day before your reporting date. A recording will inform you as to whether or not any last-minute changes have been made concerning your required attendance.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have questions that have not been sufficiently explained by the material provided in this packet.

JURY QUESTIONNAIRE FILL OUT FORM IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING, PRINT IN INK ONLY AND BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU WHEN YOU REPORT TO THE CIRCUIT CLERK

Last 4 # of Social Security #:

Age:

NAME: (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Home Phone: Cell Phone:	
Mailing Address (if different from Home address):	Place of Birth
Your Employer	How long have you worked there
His/her employer	How long has he/she worked there?
Your level of Education?	Have you ever served jury duty, if yes? () Criminal () Civil
Have you ever been a defendant, Plaintiff, or witness in a Civil Case?	If you live outside of the county seat, how many miles do you live from the courthouse?
()Yes ()No	Miles
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT	
Date	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
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AMOUNT PAID	Juror#
DATE PAID	
	Cell Phone: Work Phone: Mailing Address (if different from Home address): Your Employer His/her employer Your level of Education? Have you ever been a defendant, Plaintiff, or witness in a Civil Case? () Yes () No AT THE ABOVE INFORMATION Date FOR OFFICE USE ONLY AMOUNT PAID WARRANT #

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED IMPORTANT INFORMATION LOCATED ON THE BACK OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Oktibbeha County Circuit Court Covid-19 Questionnaire Sheet

Have you had a fever over 100 in the last 14 days?
Current Temperature
Do you have flu like symptoms?
Have you knowingly been exposed to the Covid-19 virus?
Have you tested positive for Covid-19?
Have you been told to self-quarantine?
Name:
Signature:
Phone Number:

Oktibbeha County Circuit Court Exemptions from Jury Service

All individuals shall be qualified to serve as jurors unless they are excused by the court for one of the following causes:

- 1. You are under 21 years of age
- 2. You are not a resident of Oktibbeha County
- 3. You have been previously convicted of a felony crime
- 4. You are 65 years of age or older and wish to claim your age
- 5. You have served on a jury that heard a trial within the last 24 months
- 6. A serious illness or disability renders you incapable of performing jury service (medical documentation will be required)
- 7. You are a breast-feeding mother
- 8. You are an officer or employee of the state correctional system
- 9. You have an extreme personal hardship. For example:
 - a. You are a sole proprietor, and your business will have to close if you are absent.
 - b. You are the sole caregiver for aging parents or small children and nobody else is available to provide care for those individuals if you attend jury duty.
 - c. You have a doctor's appointment with a specialist and rescheduling the appointment will delay medical care for an extended period of time.
 - d. You have previously planned a vacation and have non-refundable airline tickets and/or hotel reservations and provide proof.

Other Potential Excuses:

- 1. You have tested positive for Covid-19 and have not received a release from your doctor (documentation required)
- 2. You have been quarantined because of Covid-19 (documentation required)
- 3. You are currently exhibiting Covid-19 Symptoms (documentation required)
- 4. You have multiple underlying medical conditions that make you especially susceptible to complications with Covid-19

If you feel that you have a legal or medical reason to be excused from jury duty, please contact our office at 662-323-1356 <u>NO LATER THAN</u> 5:00 pm on Monday, July 20, 2020 for further instructions. Otherwise, excuses will be heard under oath, in open court, in front of a Circuit Court Judge, on the date listed on your summons.

THE FOLLOWING IS **IMPORTANT**; PLEASE READ

- 1. If your name or address has changed since you registered to vote, please report to the Circuit Clerk's Office at 108 W. Main Street to update your registration.
- 2. If you have moved from Oktibbeha County, please contact us at least <u>5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE COURT DATE</u> so your name can be removed from the registration records. You can call us at 662-323-1356 with this information or fax us a copy of your new address by writing the address beside the old address on your summons. You MUST sign and date the form. A family member can also bring this information into our office. Fax 662-323-1121.
- 3. If you are unable to read or write, come to the Circuit Clerk's Office at least <u>5 DAYS PRIOR</u> to the date of your jury service so you can execute an affidavit as to this qualification.
- 4. If you are ill and unable to serve on jury duty, you will need to obtain <u>A MEDICAL AFFIDAVIT FROM</u> YOUR PHYSICIAN and bring it to the clerk's office at least 5 DAYS PRIOR to the jury date.
- 5. If you are totally disabled you may be considered for permanent jury exemption by providing the court documentation from a licensed physician in concerning the nature of your disability. Once you have this documentation, BRING IT TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE at least 5 DAYS PRIOR to your jury service date.
- 6. If you are 65 years of age or older and do not wish to serve as a juror, you may be excused by contacting the Circuit Clerk's Office. However, THE COURT WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE. You may have the option of being permanently excused from jury service due to age by filing with the circuit clerk a notarized request to be permanently excused. This request must be made at least 5 DAYS PRIOR to the date of your jury service by coming into the office and signing an affidavit before the clerk.
- 7. If you have served as a grand juror or as a petit juror in the trial of litigated case within (2) years of the date of your summons for jury duty, you may be excused from jury service if you choose to claim the exemption. If you decide to claim this exemption you must come into the clerk's office AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR to the date of your jury service and sign an affidavit that will allow the clerk to determine the validity of the claim.
- 8. DO NOT BRING CELLPHONES, PAGERS OR WEAPONS WITH YOU TO CIRCUIT COURT.
- 9. DO NOT WEAR SHORTS OR OTHER INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO CIRCUIT COURT.
- 10. DO NOT BRING SMALL CHILDREN WITH YOU WHEN YOU REPORT FOR JURY SERVICE.
- 11. YOU ARE BEING CALLED AS A POTENTIAL JUROR. YOUR ANTICIPATED JURY SERVICE IS FOR (1) ONE WEEK ONLY. If you have additional questions in reference to your jury service, please contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office at 662-323-1356.

Thank you for your service.

Tony Rook

Circuit Court Clerk