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21st Judicial District judge orders appearances of two who skipped jury duty

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The 21st Judicial District (Mesa County) judge who presided over a recent homicide trial has ordered appearances by two people who failed to report back for general jury selection on Jan. 21, 2014.

Judge Valerie J. Robison ordered the two people to explain why they failed to report back for jury service as ordered after completing a jury questionnaire. They also will have to show cause why she should not impose sanctions against them.

A person who fails to obey a juror summons may be fined up to \$750, may be imprisoned for up to six months, or both. Other possible penalties include completion of a set time of useful public service.

“Jury service is a cornerstone of our democracy, and everybody needs to take it seriously. Our system of justice simply could not happen without the presence of jurors,” Judge Robison said.

Her order requires the two people to appear in her courtroom at 1 p.m. March 27, 2014, to give their explanations. If they fail to appear at that time, Judge Robison may issue an order for their arrest.

For more information, contact Jury Commissioner Rose Anne Kelley at 970-257-3650, option 9.