

Dear Juror:

You have been selected to serve as a Grand Juror and are required to be present on _____, 20____. The Grand Jury will convene in the _____ County District Courtroom. Check-in at the District Court office by _____ .m.

It is extremely important that you do not discuss your selection as a Grand Juror with anyone except your immediate family and your employer. As you notify family or work supervisors of your jury selection, please communicate the necessity for confidentiality to them.

By law, the work of the Grand Jury is conducted in secrecy. As a Grand Juror, you will soon take an oath which, in part, requires that you keep secret the work and discussions of the Grand Jury from everyone, including your spouse, family, and employer.

Grand Jurors must not discuss their meeting, investigation, deliberations or votes with anyone unless specifically instructed to do so by the judge.

Grand Jury proceedings are conducted in secret for three reasons:

- Criminals who know a grand jury is investigating their crime might attempt to obstruct justice by intimidating witnesses or flee to avoid prosecution.
- Secrecy protects those who appear as witnesses from possible intimidation or threats.
- Secrecy protects innocent persons whose names might come before a grand jury. A great injustice can occur and irreparable injury can be done to the reputation of a person if it becomes known that they were discussed by a grand jury, but adequate evidence was not present for indictment. This type of a disclosure can cause damage to the name and reputation of an individual which would be difficult, if not impossible, to erase.

According to Nebraska law ([Neb. Rev. Stat. § 29-1404](#)) grand jurors shall make no disclosure about the grand jury's proceedings. This means you are obligated under penalty of law not to make any disclosures about the proceedings.

If you have questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me. Tell the court staff at my office that you are a Grand Juror and you need to speak to me.

General information regarding the function and purpose of a grand jury can be found on the Judicial Branch Web site: www.supremecourt.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Clerk of the District Court