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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**IN RE:**

**REFILLING THE JURY WHEELS**

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**Administrative Order No. 300**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

In accordance with this judicial district’s Plan for the Random Selection of Jurors (July 2019), the master jury wheels used to summon petit and grand jurors are to be emptied and refilled every two years, not later than July 31 of the year following a general election. Due to circumstances beyond the Court’s control, the July 31, 2021, deadline was not met.

The Court utilizes source lists provided by the Illinois Secretary of State drawn from general election voter registration records, supplemented with lists of licensed drivers and those with state-issued identification cards. Those records are then electronically processed – typically by a third-party vendor. Following multiple security breaches of federal, state, and business computing systems, the Illinois Secretary of State instituted new insurance requirements for third-party vendors accessing its data. The vendor that was going to process and create the Court’s jury wheels could not immediately comply with the new insurance requirements. The Court is exploring options, including taking on the process itself.

There are sufficient jurors remaining in the current wheels to ensure jurors can be summoned well into 2022, so jury trials can continue. Once the new wheels are produced, the Court will maintain the renewal schedule prescribed in the Plan for the Random Selection of Jurors (July 2019), absent any formal amendment.

The Court finds, for the reasons stated, that there is good cause for a delayed emptying and refilling of the district’s jury wheels by the prescribed July 31, 2021 deadline. The Clerk of Court is directed to proceed forthwith to secure the necessary data and refill the district’s juror wheels.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.**



**NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL  
Chief U.S. District Judge**