

Today (04-16-2015) I received a summons to Jury Duty. There is nothing unusual in this as I have received 3 such summonses in the past and even served as fore person on one jury. Upon receiving the summons in the days mail, I called in to confirm the assignment as required. Having answered the automated prompts to establish eligibility to serve as a juror, I was transferred to a real person.

The man confirmed my appointment and asked if I had any questions to which I replied that I had concerns about my appearing for jury duty as a trans female. I explained that I had been living as a trans female since retiring in 2012 and that I no longer had any male attire. I also told him my driver license photo was consistent with my presentation. Would this be a problem. He was very nice when he told me that there would be no problem at all and offered to update my data to reflect my gender as female.

I explained that, since I was not getting any surgery, my legal data was not changing so there was no need to fix that on my record. I ended the call by confirming that there would be no problem with my appearing for jury duty as a female male.

First hurdle crossed.

My Jury Duty assignment is for May 14, 2015. So far I have marked my calendars, determined which dress to wear and a small purse to carry my minimum personal needs including my id and a book to read since you have to be prepared to stay till 5pm that day.



My selected dress



my black purse



my selected hairstyle

Next hurdle: Security on May 14th. Wish me luck.

May 2, 2015:

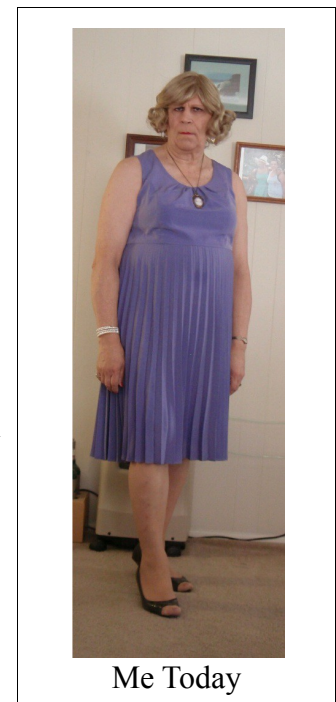
Well, I have tentatively decided on a different dress for Jury Duty.



Maybe this dress will look better in court.

May 14:

Having called in after 6pm last night, I found I did not have to be at court until 12pm (noon for those who may be time challenged). Naturally I arrived early, passed effortlessly through security, reported to the 3rd flooy Jury Room, validated my parking garage ticket and sat down. In addition to reading, I conversed with several fellow jurors and had a great discussion. We had a half hour break (12:45 - 13:15) and then a number of people were sent out to the jury lounge. The rest of us, about 100 total, were told that we were on a panel for a murder trial to run in June and were given specific instructions. After that, we filled out a questionnaire which included limited general information about the case. The questionnaires will be used to aid in selecting the jury members and their alternates. Once those were filled out and turned in, we were dismissed until we are either released from the panel or are given further instructions when we call in June 5th to find out our status. Clearly this chapter is not yet over. This is as much as can be said at this time.



Me Today

June 5, 2015:

I called in to get reporting instructions and all I got was the usual 'call in after 6:00 pm the day before you are supposed to report. So I call in on Sunday after 6:00 pm

June 7, 2015:

No reporting instructions by phone and a check of the court web site elicits no specific instructions one way or the other. Solution is to go in for the usual 7:30 early reporting time and find out then.

June 8:

Well, wonder of wonders. It appears that I was excused and never notified. When I got there, I met up with Jenni, a fellow juror from my panel. She was also excused but why we were not notified is a mystery. On the other hand, this effectively ends my jury service for at least 18 months.

Had a great chat with Jenni and I even gave her my web site address (which I almost messed up). Perhaps she will check out my site and also email me from there.

