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MASON COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAILING THREATENING LETTERS TO JURORS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Daniel Lee Hall, 34, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge John T. Copenhaver Jr., to 36 months in prison for mailing threatening letters to various individuals.

In 2009, Hall was facing state criminal charges in the Circuit Court of Mason County. Prior to his trial which was scheduled to begin in March 2009, Hall obtained a list of prospective jurors for his upcoming criminal case. On March 7, 2009, Hall drafted and mailed threatening letters to the prospective jurors. As a result of Hall's actions, several of the prospective jurors who received the threatening letters refused to appear for jury duty. Hall's trial was subsequently rescheduled causing substantial disruption of public and governmental functions.

Hall eventually pled guilty in state court to incest and was sentenced to serve five to 15 years in prison. Judge Copenhaver ordered today's sentence to be served consecutive to Hall's state sentence.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Samuel Marsh handled the prosecution.