

## Sec. 38-292. - False alarms.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally make, turn in or report a false alarm of fire or of need for police or ambulance assistance.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to use the parish communications district number one enhanced 911 telephone system by dialing 9-1-1, except when there is a legitimate and justified need for immediate or expedited assistance of law enforcement, fire or medical personnel.
  - (1) Determinations of the automatic location identifier and automatic number identifier features of the enhanced 911 telephone system shall constitute prima facie evidence of the location and telephone line from which a call is made.
  - (2) The trier of fact may infer that there has been an unlawful use of the enhanced 911 emergency by the person charged when:
    - a. Emergency personnel responding to the location from which a 911 emergency call originated, as determined by the E-911 automatic identifier systems, find that there exists at that location no legitimate and justified need for immediate or expedited assistance of law enforcement, fire or medical personnel.
    - b. The telephone line from which the call originated is listed in the name of the person charged by the local telephone company.
    - c. The person charged has had custody or control over the room, structure or place from which the call originated.
- (c) Any adult person violating the provisions of this section, shall, upon conviction thereof by a court of law, be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 and no more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days in the parish jail and/or both.
- (d) Any minor violating the provisions of this section shall be dealt with in accordance with juvenile court law and procedure as set out in the Louisiana Children's Code.
- (e) Any parent, guardian or other adult person having the care and custody of a minor found guilty of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 days in the parish jail and/or both.
- (f) Each transmission of/and dialing of the parish enhanced emergency phone system telephone number 9-1-1, when there is no legitimate and justified need for immediate or expedited assistance of law enforcement, fire, or medical personnel shall constitute a separate offense under the penalties provided for in this section.

(Code 1980, § 8-171)