



**SCOTT MEACHAM
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**Treasurer Meacham's Unclaimed Property Program
To Be Featured on *Dateline NBC***

National Broadcast Comes as Claims Paid in Oklahoma Reach Record Levels

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Treasurer Scott Meacham and the state's unclaimed property program will be featured on a broadcast of *Dateline NBC* on Monday, July 14th, at 9 p.m. In the interview, taped in the treasurer's vault in the State Capitol Building, Meacham tells NBC correspondent Peter Alexander about interesting items turned over to the state from abandoned safe deposit boxes.

As administrator of Oklahoma's unclaimed property program, Meacham is holding \$260 million for 350,000 Oklahomans. During the past fiscal year, Meacham paid \$17.7 million to almost 19,000 Oklahomans – a record in both dollar amount and number of claims paid. The highest, single amount paid was almost \$1 million to a Tulsa woman.

Following the broadcast Monday night, Meacham and his staff will take phone calls from viewers of KFOR-TV, the NBC affiliate in Oklahoma City, to search for unclaimed property during the 10 o'clock newscast.

"We're always looking for ways to let people know that we're holding their lost money," Meacham said. "My hope is that more people will see the *Dateline NBC* broadcast on Monday night and come to check if we're holding money that belongs to them."

To find out if Meacham is holding unclaimed property for you, go to the treasurer's website at www.treasurer.ok.gov and click on the "Search for Unclaimed Property" button. From there, you can enter names into a searchable database.

"Remember that our service is always free," Meacham said. "Don't be fooled by websites that try to make you pay. It is, after all, your money. You shouldn't have to pay to get it back."

When businesses lose track of people to whom they owe money, the law requires they bring it to the treasurer's office. Examples of unclaimed property include cash, rebates, paychecks, royalties, stocks, bonds and safe deposit box contents.

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Twice each year, Meacham publishes the latest list of names of those with unclaimed property in newspapers throughout the state. He operates booths at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa state fairs each year and periodically conducts phone banks with state television stations.

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