



**SCOTT MEACHAM  
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**More Than \$500,000 in Unclaimed Property Found  
For Fairgoers in Tulsa and Oklahoma City**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – More than 650 people who attended the Tulsa State Fair will be receiving more than \$300,000 in unclaimed property found for them by State Treasurer Scott Meacham and members of his staff.

The total amount of money found for attendees of the Tulsa and Oklahoma City fairs this year is more than \$530,000. The money was found for a total of 1,290 people. The single largest amount found at the Tulsa fair was more than \$15,000 in royalty payments. The single largest amount found in Oklahoma City was more than \$20,000 in payroll-related checks.

This was the second year Meacham and his staff operated a booth at the Tulsa State Fair. It was their sixth time at the Oklahoma State Fair in Oklahoma City. Armed with laptop computers, Meacham and his staff looked for the names of fairgoers on the state's unclaimed property list. The list contains \$175 million for some 350,000 people.

Since becoming state treasurer in June of last year, Meacham has put a strong emphasis on finding unclaimed property for Oklahomans. During his first year in office, the number of claims paid increased by 54 percent from the previous year.

A majority of claims are now initiated from the treasurer's unclaimed property web site – [www.ok.gov/unclaimed](http://www.ok.gov/unclaimed) – where a searchable database allows visitors to quickly and easily search for their names and start the claims process.

Examples of unclaimed property include bank accounts, security deposits, uncashed paychecks, overpayments, royalties, rebates, stock and bonds. The contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes are also included.

The cash and property are turned over to the State Treasurer's office when the businesses holding them lose track of the owners. Treasurer Meacham's Unclaimed Property Division then publishes the names and conducts other outreach, such as the booths at the fairs, to help find the owners.

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