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**More Than \$150,000 in Unclaimed Property Found
During First Few Days of State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Cash and stock worth more than \$150,000 has been found for people attending the Oklahoma State Fair in Oklahoma City, State Treasurer Scott Meacham announced today. The money was found during the fair’s first six days by treasurer’s staff at the “Pot of Gold” booth in the Cox Pavilion at the fair.

Meacham made the announcement while working at the booth at the fair on Tuesday afternoon. As administrator of Oklahoma’s unclaimed property program, Meacham has more than \$260 million for more than 350,000 people.

The more than \$150,000 has been found for more than 200 fair attendees so far this year. Workers with laptop computers had conducted some 2,500 searches through Tuesday afternoon at this year’s fair. This is the eighth consecutive year the office has operated the booth at the state fair.

“We are looking for the owners of hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed property. I encourage all fair attendees to stop by our booth to see if we are holding any of their money,” Meacham said. “More than 5,300 fair patrons in Oklahoma City have found more than \$1.6 million during the last seven years.”

Since becoming state treasurer in June of 2005, Meacham has put an increased emphasis on reuniting Oklahomans with their unclaimed property and, as a result, unclaimed property totaling more than \$45 million has been returned to more than 50,000 Oklahomans.

Examples of unclaimed property include bank accounts, security deposits, old 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, operates an online search engine at www.treasurer.ok.gov and conducts other outreach, such as booths at the two major state fairs, to help find the owners.

The Unclaimed Property booth in the Cox Pavilion will be open throughout the fair.

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