



**SCOTT MEACHAM
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**More Than \$100,000 in Unclaimed Property Found
During First Few Days of Tulsa State Fair**

TULSA — Cash and stock worth some \$100,000 has been found for people attending the Tulsa State Fair, State Treasurer Scott Meacham announced today. The money was found during the opening days of the fair by treasurer's staff at the "Pot of Gold" booth in the Expo Center.

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

The \$100,000 has been found for more than 150 fair attendees so far this year. Workers with laptop computers have conducted more than 1,500 searches at this year's fair. This is the fourth 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're holding any of their money," Meacham said. "Some 2,000 fair patrons in Tulsa have found more than a million dollars since we first came to the fair."

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 Expo Center will be open throughout the fair.

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