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**Governor and Treasurer:
Tax Rebate Checks On the Way**

OKLAHOMA CITY – More than 1.2 million checks totaling almost \$92 million are on the way to Oklahoma taxpayers, Governor Brad Henry and Treasurer Scott Meacham announced at a news conference in the Blue Room of the State Capitol on Tuesday.

“These checks will serve as a nice Christmas bonus for Oklahoma families and give them some additional money to spend in any way they please,” said Gov. Henry. “We know mailboxes are stuffed full this time of year so we are asking Oklahomans to be on the lookout for a letter from the State of Oklahoma. It’s something they will definitely want to open.”

Henry and Meacham displayed a sample copy of a tax rebate check at the news conference. For taxpayers filing as an individual or married filing separately in 2004, the payments will be \$45 each. For taxpayers filing as a surviving spouse, head of household or married filing jointly in 2004, the payments will be \$90.

The checks were authorized by legislation enacted earlier this year and represent the distribution of surplus state revenue collected during the last fiscal year that ended June 30.

“All of the checks should be delivered within the next two weeks,” Treasurer Meacham said. “Please be patient for your check to arrive. The very large number of checks we’re mailing – about 1.24 million – will take several days to be delivered throughout the state.”

All Oklahoma residents who filed Oklahoma tax returns for 2004 are entitled to receive payment, with the exception of:

- Residents who were inmates in the custody of the Department of Corrections
- Residents who filed as an individual taxpayer and claimed zero personal exemptions
- Nonresidents or part-year residents who filed a 511 NR tax return

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Through competitive bidding, Bank of America was awarded the contract to print and distribute the rebate checks. With 46 locations in Oklahoma, Bank of America has agreed to cash the rebate checks, regardless of whether the taxpayer has an account with the bank. The bank will require endorsements and two forms of identification for each person listed on the check.

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