



**SCOTT MEACHAM
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**Treasurer Meacham Helps Tulsa Fair Attendees
Find Lost Money**

More than Half a Million Found in Past Three Years

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Treasurer Scott Meacham came to the Tulsa State Fair on Friday to help fair attendees find their unclaimed property. Joining his staff at the “Pot of Gold” booth in the Expo Building, Meacham looked for the names of fair patrons on a laptop computer.

Meacham, administrator of Oklahoma's Unclaimed Property Fund, is holding \$175 million for 350,000 Oklahomans.

“We hope that everyone attending the Tulsa State Fair will come to our booth,” Meacham said. “Most people say, ‘I haven't lost any money,’ but we have a list of 350,000 names who think the same thing!”

At the recently-completed Oklahoma State Fair in Oklahoma City, Meacham and his staff found \$493,000 for 640 fair patrons. In the past seven years, almost \$2 million has been found for more than 10,000 Oklahoma City fair attendees.

This is the third year Meacham and his staff have operated a booth in the Expo Building at the Tulsa State Fair. Workers with laptop computers are looking for fair patron names on the unclaimed property list. Since first coming to the fair in 2005, more than \$500,000 has been found for some 1,100 Tulsa fair patrons, including one man who found more than \$20,000 on the opening day of this year's fair.

Unclaimed property includes bank accounts, security deposits, uncashed paychecks, overpayments, royalties, rebates, stock and bonds. Safe deposit box contents are also included.

The money and property are brought to the treasurer's office when the businesses holding them lose track of the owners. Meacham's staff then publishes the names and conducts other outreach -- such as booths at the two state fairs, to find the owners.

The Unclaimed Property booth in the Expo Building will be open throughout the fair, September 27 to October 7.

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