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OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**Treasurer Meacham's Unclaimed Property Booth
Already Paying Off for Tulsa Fair Attendees**

TULSA – Less than half an hour into the 2006 Tulsa State Fair, workers at State Treasurer Scott Meacham's unclaimed property booth found \$5,000 for one fair patron. During last year's fair, Meacham's staff found more than \$200,000 for fair attendees.

As administrator of Oklahoma's unclaimed property program, Meacham has more than \$175 million for more than 350,000 people.

For a second, consecutive year, Meacham and workers from his office are staffing a "Pot of Gold" booth on the lower level of the Expo Building at the fair.

On Friday, Meacham personally spent time helping fair patrons search for unclaimed property by looking for their names on a laptop computer containing the full list of names of people with unclaimed property in Oklahoma.

"I'm pleased we can once again help Tulsa State Fair patrons find their unclaimed property," said Meacham. "We are holding millions of dollars in unclaimed property waiting for it to be claimed by its rightful owners. I encourage all fair attendees to stop by our booth to see if we are holding any of their money."

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 booth at the state fairs, to help find the owners.

The Unclaimed Property booth will be open throughout the fair.

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