



**SCOTT MEACHAM  
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**Treasurer Meacham Helps Tulsa Fair Attendees  
Find Almost Half a Million Dollars in Unclaimed Property**  
*Total Found for Both State Fairs This Year Approaches One Million Dollars*

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – State Treasurer Scott Meacham and his staff helped almost 700 Tulsa Fair attendees find close to \$500,000 this year. The largest, single amount found was \$75,600 in stock for a Tulsa man. Meacham and his staff manned the “Pot of Gold” booth for the third consecutive year in the Expo Building at the fair.

During the Tulsa Fair, which ended Sunday, \$468,031 was found for 691 people. During the Oklahoma City Fair last month, \$493,000 was found for 640 people. The total found at both fairs this year was almost \$1 million – or \$961,031. In seven years at the Oklahoma City Fair and three years at the Tulsa Fair, a total of almost \$3 million – or \$2,936,305 – has been found.

“The response in Tulsa this year was most impressive,” Meacham said. “The total found this year almost matched the total found in the previous two years. People are apparently becoming more familiar with our booth – and the fact that our service is absolutely free. All we’re trying to do is return lost money to its rightful owners!”

Meacham, administrator of Oklahoma's Unclaimed Property Fund, is holding \$175 million for 350,000 Oklahomans. Since becoming state treasurer in 2005, Meacham has returned more than \$30 million to more than 35,000 Oklahomans through various outreach efforts such as the state fairs, publishing in the newspaper the names of those with unclaimed property and an online searchable database at [www.treasurer.ok.gov](http://www.treasurer.ok.gov).

Unclaimed property includes bank accounts, security deposits, uncashed paychecks, overpayments, royalties, rebates, stock, bonds and safe deposit box contents. The money and property are brought to the treasurer's office when the businesses holding them lose track of the owners.

Meacham said he plans to operate the Pot of Gold booth at both state fairs again next year.

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