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**- SHERIFF ISSUES FRAUD ALERT -**

Recently, members of our community have received mailings from the "TREASURY DEPARTMENT of California" indicating that the recipient may be due a large sum of money, which has been located in a forgotten bank account. In order for the recipient to collect the funds from the "abandoned bank account", the "California Treasury Department" requests personal information, as well as \$25.00 to ensure "express processing".

The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has determined that the mailing from the "Treasury Department of California" is an inter-state criminal fraud. Those who receive a mailing from the "Treasury Department of California" should report the matter to their local law enforcement authority or to the United States Secret Service at 303.866.1010.

Citizens are encouraged to never share personal information with any person or group that is not known to be valid.

Those wishing to verify the existence of any unclaimed assets, which may be in the control of the state of California may contact the California State Controllers Office at 916.445.2626 or at [www.sco.ca.gov/](http://www.sco.ca.gov/)

Copies of the fraudulent mailing are attached as information.

For further information contact Sheriff Grayson Robinson at 720.874.4165

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