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CONSUMER ALERT

Consumer Alert: Scam “Nonpayment of Taxes” Letter Targeting Anne Arundel County Residents

BALTIMORE, MD (June 12, 2023) – Staff at the Anne Arundel County Tax Department have received complaints of a scam targeting area residents. Letters similar to the one pictured below have been sent claiming to be from the “Tax Assessment Securities” and “Tax Group Seizure Unit” of Anne Arundel County. **This is a scam.** The letter attempts to scare residents to respond by stating “Seizure of forfeiture may be imminent due to non-payment of taxes.”

This is not an official letter from Anne Arundel County or any other government agency. There is no such County agency, and it is believed this is an attempt to scam residents into paying a fake tax debt. There is a bold heading claiming the notice is a “Distrain Warrant” and a toll-free number listed on the letter, which may lead recipients to believe this is a legitimate communication. This is a fraudulent notice from a fictitious agency, and residents should not call the number.

What to Do

If any Marylander has received a similar letter, they should report it to the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 410-528-3228 or consumer@oag.state.md.us. Do not call any phone numbers on the letter, and do not send any money to anyone associated with this letter.

Tips to Avoid Scams

- Be aware of scams. Remember, letters from legitimate businesses or tax authorities are clearly identified in their correspondence, including location/ mailing address and contact information.
- If someone calls by phone, and you suspect they are not your bank, or governmental authority or a legitimate business, hang up. If you need to contact your bank or a government agency, call them using the phone number listed on the agency’s official website. Don’t redial any numbers that show up on your caller ID.
- Never give out Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, or any other personal information to someone who calls you.

For more information on avoiding scams and protecting your personal and financial information, visit the Consumer Protection Division's publications page: <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD/Tips-Publications/edunit.aspx>.

Tax Assessment Securities
Anne Arundel County
TAX GROUP SEIZURE UNIT B-465023
Notice No. DWE15-STAT

DISTRAINT WARRANT

Tax Assessment Securities Public Judgment Records

Office Hours: MON - FRI 6:00AM - 6:00PM
(800) 453-7924

Date of this Notice: 5/19/2023
Notice No.: DWE15-STAT

SEIZURE OR FORFEITURE MAY BE IMMINENT DUE TO NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES

This warrant has been issued against [REDACTED] due to non-payment of a seriously delinquent tax debt. The liability has not been paid. This letter serves as a final judgmental notice.

The State Of Maryland can now take enforcement action such as seizing Social Security benefits, garnishing wages and bank accounts to satisfy the outstanding debt owed. If no action is taken by 5/29/2023 the State Of Maryland may revoke benefits, suspend licenses, and levy or offset any tax refund gained this year.

Your debt must be satisfied in full or settled to remove the levy. To avoid enforcement, call within fifteen (15) days of receiving this notice. Failure to respond may result in additional penalties, fees and interest.

In the event any amount other than costs recovered shall be credited against the tax liability for the collection of which such levy is made. This is not a bill. As a Taxpayer, you have the right to pay only the amount of tax legally due.

Total Amount Due:

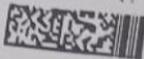
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Penalties, fees and interest are unequal periodic amounts calculated and applied by the State Of Maryland

If you believe these balances are incorrect or wish to dispute any unjust penalties call (800) 453-7924 immediately.

We look forward to hearing from you immediately, and hope to assist you in fulfilling your responsibility as a taxpayer.

Enclosures: Copy of letter, DWE15-STAT, Envelope



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