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## Ventura County District Attorney Issues Warning About Deceptive Mailers

VENTURA, Calif. - The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is warning the public about deceptive letters recently sent to residents. The letters threaten property owners with potential asset levies and/or property seizure. The letters attempt to create a sense of urgency and they include an (800) number to call. Examples of these deceptive correspondence letters are attached to this news release.

Ventura County property owners are reminded that if they have a question on the status of their property taxes, they should contact the Ventura County Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office. Legitimate letters from the Ventura County Treasurer-Tax Collector will have a local address and a local telephone number. Residents may call the Ventura County Treasurer-Tax Collector at (805) 654-3744 or send an email to [helpinghand@ventura.org](mailto:helpinghand@ventura.org).

If taxpayers have a question on the status of their state or federal tax liability, they should contact the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or their tax professional. "Unsolicited materials received in the mail are often marketing materials deceptively designed to cause the property owner to become concerned and call the number listed on the mailer," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Dominic Kardum.

In addition to deceptive mail solicitors, county residents are urged to be aware of scammers that seek victims through text messages, emails, and phone calls. These scammers use similar tactics:

- They often pretend to be government officials or legitimate businesses.
- They create a sense of urgency to get victims to respond quickly.
- They often demand immediate payment.
- They demand payment with pre-paid cards.
- They ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- They threaten arrest if immediate payment isn't made.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office has several specialized units that investigate fraud. When appropriate, the Consumer Protection Unit will investigate consumer complaints. Any inquiries or referrals about potential violations of consumer laws can be made by calling (805) 662-1750.

### EXAMPLES OF DECEPTIVE MAILERS

Issuer: J.S. [REDACTED]  
Contact: [REDACTED]  
Hours: Mon- Fri 6am-6pm

Tax Processing Unit - Tax Group  
Public Judgment Records  
02/24/2023

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEVY ASSETS

Stephan [REDACTED]

AMOUNT DUE: \$282,410.00

DUE BY: 3/3/2023

Dear [REDACTED]

This notice has been issued against the debtor Stephan [REDACTED] because of a lien filing due to the tax liability that has not been paid. This letter serves as a final notice.

The State Of California can now take enforcement action such as seizing Assets and garnishing wages and bank accounts to satisfy the outstanding debt owed. If no action is taken by 3/3/2023 The State Of California may permanently revoke benefits, suspend licenses, and levy any federal tax refund gained this year.

Your debt must be resolved in full to remove the lien. To avoid enforcement, CALL (800) [REDACTED] within fifteen (15) days of receiving this notice. Failure to respond in time will cause an additional penalty to accumulate and lead to default judgment.

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Form IP-1024

Tax Processing Unit  
Internal Processing Service  
Ventura County County  
Public Judgment Records

[REDACTED], YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE SEIZED

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Date: March 10, 2023  
Debt: \$9,001  
The State Of California

Filing No: [REDACTED]

#### FINAL DEMAND FOR PAYMENT FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES To THE State Of California

The State Of California has attempted to collect the overdue above debt which has not been paid. You must call [REDACTED] by 3/22/2023.

The State Of California will seize this property for nonpayment of taxes, penalties, and interest due to the State. During this seizure it will be against the law to enter, dismantle, take possession of or remove anything from your property. The State Of California may impose garnishment on all bank accounts and income in the name of Florencio.

**NOTE:** To avoid enforcement, call [REDACTED] by 3/22/2023 or further actions will be taken in exacting the value by levying.