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**For Immediate Release:**

**Tax Collector Urges Caution Regarding Fraudulent Notices**

BUSHNELL, FL – (November 20, 2015) – The Sumter County Tax Collector has recently become aware of a series of fraudulent notices being sent out to residents of Sumter County. These notices bare the appearance of an official letter issued by the Tax Collector; however, the subject matter and content of these notices do not correspond to Tax Collector functions. These fraudulent notices have been forwarded to the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, and are currently being investigated.

You can easily determine the authenticity of such a letter by certain warning signs:

- Improper spelling, poor grammar/punctuation throughout the body of the notice
- References to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or other government entities not directly affiliated with the Sumter County Tax Collector
- Out-of-area / non-local phone numbers or other contact information
- References to sweepstakes or lottery winnings or prizes
- Requests for monies without justifying documentation or official invoice/statement

If you have received a similar letter, or have questions regarding a notice from the Sumter County Tax Collector, please contact your local office.

**SAMPLE LETTER ON NEXT PAGE**

**Wildwood Office**

7375 Powell Road, Suite 135  
Wildwood, FL 34785  
Office: (352) 689-4540  
Fax: (352) 689-4541

**Bushnell Office**

220 E. McCollum Avenue  
Bushnell, FL 33513  
Office: (352) 569-6740  
Fax: (352) 569-6741

**The Villages Office**

8033 E C-466, Suite B  
The Villages, FL 32162  
Office: (352) 689-4645  
Fax: (352) 689-4646



Sumter County Tax Collector  
220 E. MC Collum Ave  
Bushnell, FL 33513

Mrs [REDACTED]

Nov 09, 2015

Dear Mrs [REDACTED],

With regards to the information that was passed on to you by the Internal Revenue Service Tax Processing Department Headquarters located at 51 S.W First Ave., Miami, Florida 33130. Here is a detailed briefing concerning your file. On behalf of the Sumter County Tax Collector we're honored to congratulate you on being the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the lottery and sweepstakes grand draw from Publishers Clearing House. You are hereby awarded with a check in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$ 500,000.00), according to amendment 8 sub section (17.01.05). This amount should be reported to the Sumter County Tax Department for our tax agent(s) to commence the processing of the taxes associated with your winning. However according to section (34, E-G) which states that you are to be EXEMPED from all Federal and Local Taxes which would be a total of One Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Seven Dollars and Two Cents (\$163,527.02). Ms [REDACTED] we are pleased to say that your exemption process has completed and the Internal Revenue Service is ready to dispatch your package to you which contains your check and all LEGAL documents which is to be tendered at the your financial institution upon cashing your check, however you are required to pay 07% of the total tax amount. The lists are as follow... The SCC tax in the amount of Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$3,875.00), the State to state tax fee amounts to Two Thousand eight hundred and twenty five (\$2,825,00), Federal and Local stamp duty fees which is One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventeen Dollars and (\$1,317.00) and an additional cost of Two thousand dollars (\$ 2,000.00) compensates admin charges for authentication and verification of document and also the protection of your identity and legal proceedings. After the fees are paid to the Federal Government, you are being asked kindly to put all the documents together and get them in a secure package and kindly hand them over to the bearer who would be handing over you package to you. Once again congrats.

Truly Yours.

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