

Georgia Office of the State Treasurer

News Release

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Scam Alert – Office of the State Treasurer (“OST”) Main Line Spoofed

Atlanta, GA – Please be advised that the Office of the State Treasurer’s main line (404-656-2168) has been subject to Caller ID spoofing. This is a scam that the Office of the State Treasurer (OST) has been dealing with since Wednesday, March 2nd. When a telephone number is spoofed, the Caller ID of the caller will appear to be coming from a valid number. In the cases reported to OST, the individuals contacted advised that the incoming calls appeared to be from 404-656-2168.

In these phone calls, the caller represented that they were with OST collecting a debt owed to the state and threatening legal action if the amount was not immediately paid. These claims are untrue and did not originate from OST.

Please note that OST does not contact individuals for debt collection or request personal information. If you get a call from anyone claiming to represent OST in this manner, you are urged not to conduct any business over the phone or otherwise cooperate with the caller. In particular, do not give personal information including bank account or credit card information to any such caller.

OST has reported this spoofing to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (“GBI”).