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Consumer Alert: Letter offering millions in unclaimed life insurance policy is a scam

Topeka, Kan. - The Kansas Insurance Department and the Office of the Kansas State Treasurer have received reports of a mail scam circulating in multiple Kansas counties. These letters claim to be from an attorney with law firms located in Canada, and state there are millions of dollars in an unclaimed life insurance policy available. The sender asks the recipient of the letter to partner with them to claim these monies.

Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt and Treasurer Steven Johnson advise Kansans that these letters are a scam, and to not contact the sender.

“Unfortunately, scams like this are nothing new,” Schmidt said. “If it sounds too good to be true it probably is. You should always be cautious of any unsolicited offer that promises no risk but requires your personal information before you can claim an alleged benefit.”

"There are no fees associated when locating unclaimed property – including old life insurance policies that have been remitted to our office," Johnson said. "While we may follow up to request additional information to verify your claim, these letters will come directly from our office, not from a third party. You can always contact our office to verify that a letter is authentic."

There are legitimate ways to check for both a life insurance policy benefit and unclaimed property through valid sources. Kansans can locate a life insurance policy using the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Life Insurance Policy Locator at eapps.naic.org/life-policy-locator. To check for unclaimed property in your or a loved one's name, visit the Treasurer's Unclaimed Property division at kansascash.ks.gov/up_main.html or call 785-296-4165.

To report suspected insurance fraud, contact the Kansas Insurance Department's Anti-Fraud Division at 785-296-5203 or by email at kid.antifraud@ks.gov.

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*The Kansas Legislature established the Kansas Insurance Department in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to **regulate** companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, **educate** consumers about all things insurance and securities, and **advocate** for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.*