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Stapleton's Unclaimed Property Division continues to excel

Treasurer's office continues to return more unclaimed property than previous years and is positioned to continue success

DENVER, CO--A recent analysis completed by Colorado Treasurer Walker Stapleton's Unclaimed Property Division shows that more property has been returned to Coloradans, year-over-year, in each of the last three years. Further, estimates show that this fiscal year the Treasurer's office is positioned to beat the last three years in total money returned to Coloradans.

Previous three years:

7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013	\$21,321,369.05
7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014	\$25,415,241.69
7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015	\$33,657,857.23

This year to date compared to same period last year:

7/1/2014 - 12/17/2014	\$9,429,843.90
7/1/2015 - 12/24/2015	\$14,874,191.65

"This success is a testament to the hard work being done by the men and women in our Unclaimed Property Division," Stapleton said. "We will continue to work to find ways to improve the process of returning unclaimed property to Coloradans. While speed is important, we are always very careful to follow the safeguards that are in place to ensure we are returning the items or money back to their rightful owners."

Stapleton is safeguarding over \$600 million of forgotten funds and assets, and he is encouraging everyone to visit the website www.GreatCOPayback.com or call [800-825-2111](tel:800-825-2111) to see if their name is in the database of unclaimed property.

Unclaimed property and cash are turned over to the state once a business is unable to make contact with the owner for five years. While the most common type of unclaimed property is cash, the Treasurer's Office is also trying to track down the owner of a dozen diamonds, a silver brick, and a Babe Ruth baseball card.

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