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ADOR Implements Additional Security Measure

March 5, 2015—Due to an increase in the filings of fraudulent state and federal income tax returns using online software services, the Alabama Department of Revenue is implementing additional security measures to further protect citizens from criminals who may try to file an income tax return using stolen information.

The Department had already implemented the ID Confirmation Quiz to help detect suspected fraud from any source and will use that same program for filers who used online software services between Jan. 20 and Feb. 20.

This security measure will request, by a letter from the Alabama Department of Revenue, that the taxpayer complete the ID Confirmation Quiz either by phone or online (<http://revenue.alabama.gov/idquiz/>) so that the authenticity of the filer can be confirmed. If any citizen receives the request to complete the quiz and has not already filed an Alabama Income Tax return, they may be victim of identity theft.

Another step the department is taking to fight tax fraud is converting refunds claimed by all first-time filers to paper checks instead of direct-depositing the refunds. Any taxpayer that has not filed an Alabama Income Tax return but receives an income tax refund check from the state may be a victim of identity theft and is asked to contact the department.

More information about the ID quiz and steps you can take to protect yourself can be found at www.revenue.alabama.gov/idtheft. For anyone using online commercial software for tax preparation, the department encourages them to change their password immediately and frequently. Anyone that discovers their identity has been used to file a fraudulent income tax return is asked to contact us at 334-242-1170.

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